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## STAFF OF BULLIS SCHOOL NAMED

### Knickerbocker Visits N. Mex. Guard School

General Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Commanding General of the Texas State Guard and Adjutant General of Texas, visited the New Mexico State Guard School at Fort Bliss and the 4th and 11th Battalions of the Texas State Guard at El Paso and San Angelo during a four-day trip covering 1600 miles.

General Knickerbocker was accompanied on this trip by Colonel Donald Henley, U. S. Army, who has been detailed by the Eighth Service Command as instructor of the Texas State Guard; Major Donald W. Peacock, president of the Texas State Guard Officers' Association; and Captain Clyde S. Dougherty of the 36th Battalion, San Antonio, who acted as the General's aide during the trip.

Arriving at El Paso on Monday night, 12 June, the general and his party spent the entire day Tuesday visiting the New Mexico State Guard School in progress at Fort Bliss, Texas, where 24 officers of the 4th Battalion of the Texas State Guard from El Paso are students.

Tuesday night the general and his party were guests of honor at a banquet given by the officers of the 4th Battalion at El Paso. Major Travis J. Johnson, commanding officer of the 4th Battalion, acted as toastmaster, and speakers included Colonel John K. Brown, commanding officer of Fort Bliss, Texas, Mayor Anderson of El Paso, and others.

Wednesday night in San Angelo the general and his party were guests of honor at a dinner given by the officers of the 11th Battalion commanded by Major Emmett D. Cox.

### War Costing U. S. \$307 Million Every Day

Washington.—Fifty days of the present war, at the average rate of spending, costs the United States an amount equal to the total cost of the Civil War, including pension outlay up to 1938.

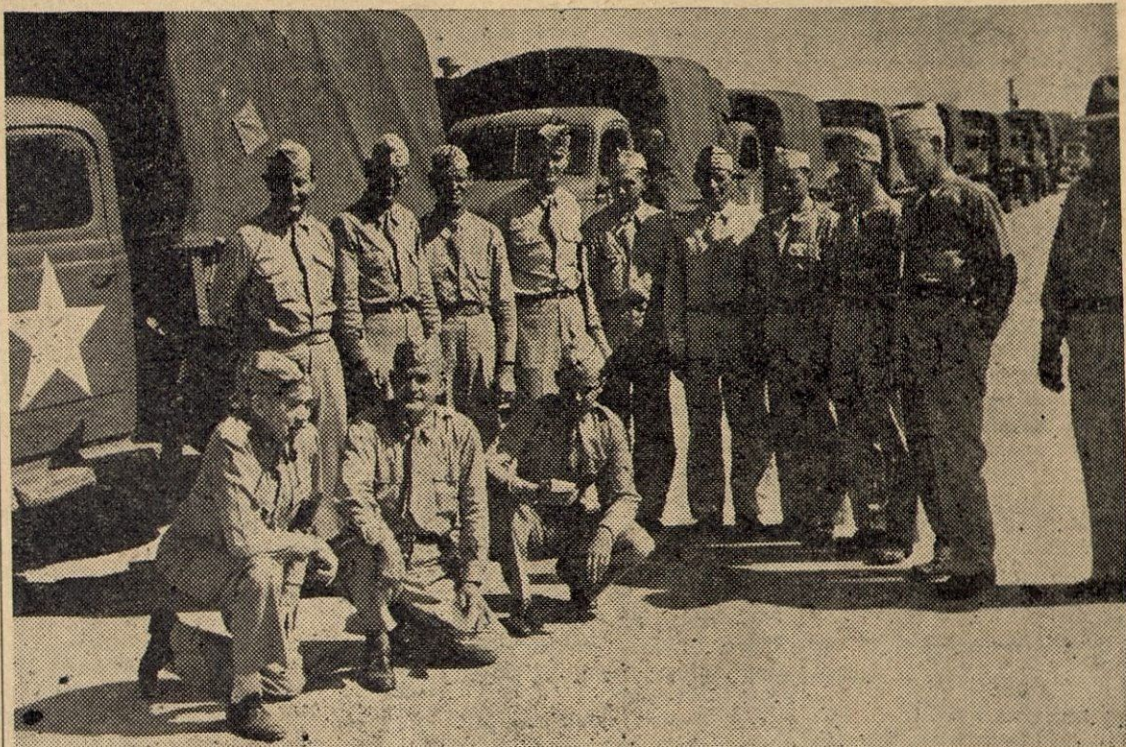
One day's average cost is three times that of the whole amount spent in the War of 1812, and twice the cost of the Mexican.

In six months of the fiscal year ending June 30 last the cost of the present war was slightly more than the total cost of World War I.

For the current fiscal year war costs will be roughly \$87,668,000,000, the highest for any fiscal year in history, and some \$15,000,000,000 more than the \$72,109,000,000 spent in the last fiscal year.

The average daily war spending has been running recently about \$307,300,000. The \$74,000,000,000 mark of war cost was crossed on May 9. On April 23, 13 working days earlier, it had been \$70,000,000,000. So that in the 13-day period the spending approximately \$4,000,000,000.

### Rifle Convoy Ready To Take Off



#### Just Call Him Noah

Tyler.—What's in a name? Practically everything is in the one of a new Camp Fannin trainee who arrived here this week bearing the full monicker of Pvt. Noah Harvey Herman Daniel Boone Buster Brown David Longworth of Speedville, Tenn.

To simplify record keeping the classification and assignment section of the camp reported Friday that Private Longworth's name had been shortened to Noah H. Longworth.

Loaded with rifles and lined up on the highway at Camp Mabry, this convoy of eight trucks is ready to begin its journey to the far corners of Texas with equipment for the Guard battalions. Front row: Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason, Capt. John Tyson and Capt. John Kokernot, commander of the convoy, all of the AGO office, Austin.

Bottom picture: Another case of rifles is heaved into one of the waiting army trucks.

### The Rear Echelon

By ARTHUR B. KNICKERBOCKER  
Brigadier General, The Adjutant General

*With D-day and H-hour fading into history, we must take a serious account of the hard road of battle that stretches ahead for the American and Allied fighting men and our duty as soldiers in the home sector.*

*The joining of battle with the enemy on the shores of France on the morning of June 6th, and the mechanized might of the Fifth Army rolling beyond Rome have made our own forces on the home front a rear echelon in the bitter fighting to come. It has been said, with truth, that wars are won or lost on the strength of the rear echelons. We must feel and demonstrate our responsibilities as citizens and soldiers at home as never before. The Guard has the confidence of the public and this we must keep and guard jealously at all times.*

*The Guard has trained and sent to the regular services many fine officers and men. They are giving a good account of themselves. To those of us less fortunate—THE REAR ECHELON—there must be no letting down; no dissension in our ranks, but a strong and solid force reflected to the Texans in combat across the seas. This is our duty as soldiers and Texans, and this we must do.*

### Convoy Soon Will Deliver Machine Guns

By

CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER

Having completed distribution to 49 battalions of the Texas State Guard scattered throughout the State of the Enfield rifles recently issued to the guard by the war department, a convoy of eight motor trucks soon will be on the highways again loaded with heavy weapons equipment for the battalions, which in this case will be the machine guns.

Through the co-operation of the Eighth Service Command of Dallas, arrangements were made for the use of eight, one and one-half ton army trucks from Camp Swift, near Austin, to be used in the distribution of the rifles to the guard units located from El Paso to Texarkana and Galveston to the Panhandle.

The use of these army trucks resulted in fast delivery of the rifles to the guard units, and also a saving of thousands of dollars in transportation charges. At the same time the equipment was unloaded at a supply room of a battalion, the shotguns were picked up by the motor convoy and brought back to Austin.

Capt. John Kokernot, assistant plans and operations officer in the adjutant general's department, was in command of the convoys on the trips.

Trucks were sent speeding to their destination after they were loaded at the Camp Mabry arsenal, Austin, under the supervision of Capt. John Tyson and Capt. Fred Graham of the supply staff of the adjutant general's office, which is headed by Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason, camp commander of Camp Mabry.

Employees of the adjutant general's office who had a part in placing these rifles quickly in the hands of the guardsmen throughout the State by means of the motor convoy method, were Terrell Bingham, Roy Jenkins, Rosey Shahan, and others.

### 766th M. P. Battalion To Demonstrate

Col. Hobart B. Brown will be commandant of the Eighth Service Command Texas State Guard school, which will open July 2 at Camp Bullis and run for four weeks.

Company A of the 766th Military Police Battalion arrived at the camp June 23 to act as demonstration troops.

Company A is commanded by Capt. Paul E. Millen. Junior officers are 1st Lt. Dalter D. Ramsay, 1st Lt. Robert W. Parker and 2nd Lt. John O. Veihmeyer. This company has just returned from Arkansas, where it provided the demonstration troops for the Arkansas State Guard school.

Colonel Brown has been actively identified with training for many years. He served training officer at Fort Sam Houston and has held other staff positions. He has been a full colonel since 1918.

#### Others On Staff

Other members of the school staff will include Col. Donald Henley, executive officer; Capt. Arthur L. Walker, adjutant; 1st Lt. John W. Gaume, supply and mess officer.

Capt. Thomas F. Butt will have charge of the field officers class; Capt. Kurth B. Nelson of the company officers class, and 2nd Lt. William H. Bending of the non-commissioned officers class.

Members of the adjutant general's staff who will be on the teaching staff include: Col. Joe J. Miller, Lt. Col. Weaver Baker, Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, Major Donald Peacock and Major Robert K. Williams.

#### Visit Other Schools

Adjutant General Arthur Knickerbocker, accompanied by Col. Donald Henley and Major Donald Peacock, has just returned from Fort Bliss, where the New Mexico State Guard school was observed. Colonel Thomas attended the Missouri State Guard school at St. Louis.

Data obtained from these schools will be basis for changing the curricula of the Texas school at the last moment, Colonel Thomas declared.

The Bullis school will be divided into three sections, one for bat-

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### Being From Texas Won Him Award, Is Claim Of Winner

San Saba.—About the only excuse that Cpl. Lawrence E. Dalton, 21-year-old son of Mrs. Alva R. Dalton of San Saba, had to offer for winning the physical fitness test at Camp Pinedale, Cal., was the fact that he was from Texas, he told officials who presented him with a silver loving cup for his highest score among the enlisted men there.

Cpl. Dalton, who scored 90 in the test with 114 situps, 22 pullups and 47 second mark in the 3,000-yard shuttle run, explains further, "I happened to mention in my barracks that I thought I would go after the cup offered to the enlisted men making the best grade. The boys started jeering at me, and so I made up my mind that I was going to get it. Of course, the fact that I was from Texas might have had something to do with it, too."





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"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."—Article Two, Bill of Rights, from the Constitution of the United States.

Return To Arms

Gather 'round you Texas Guardsmen—things are lookin' up again,  
See those long an' heavy boxes . . . don't you wonder where they've  
been?

They were here before—remember?—but we gladly turned 'em  
loose,

To some guys who held priority on cookin' Hitler's goose.

Take 'em gently from their cases; never mind the cosmoline—  
Nasty stuff; but saves 'em—keeps their metal bright an' clean;  
See, they're sleek an' look well cared for—you can bet their aim  
is true,

That's the kind of guys who borrowed 'em in April, Forty-two!

Clean 'em well an' oil 'em quickly, don't neglect a single part,  
'Cause you guys are gonna learn 'em—an' you'll learn 'em all by  
heart!

Though we here don't aim t'shoot 'em at a single living thing,  
Security's our mission . . . an' security they bring.

It feels good to be a soldier with a rifle in your hand,  
An' though we trained without 'em, they were always in demand.  
For while shotguns have their uses, we feel more effective now,  
An' better fixed to cope with things—more confident, somehow.

Author—A Member of the 2nd Battalion, T. S. G.

PROPOSED CONDENSED PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION  
TEXAS STATE GUARD SCHOOL, CAMP BULLIS, TEXAS, JULY 2, 1944-JULY 29, 1944

Battalion CO's and Staff Officers	Hours	Company Officers	Hours	Officer Candidate School	Hours
Registration and Assignment.....	4:00	Registration and Assignment.....	4:00	Registration and Assignment.....	4:00
Welcome to the School.....	0:30	Welcome to the School.....	0:30	Welcome to the School.....	0:30
Objective of the School.....	0:20	Objective of the School.....	0:20	Objective of the School.....	0:20
Rules and Regulations.....	0:10	Rules and Regulations.....	0:10	Rules and Regulations.....	0:10
Relation of the United States Army to the Texas State Guard.....	1:00	Relation of the United States Army to the Texas State Guard.....	1:00	Relation of the United States Army to the Texas State Guard.....	1:00
Martial Law (1).....	1:00	Martial Law (13).....	1:00	Martial Law (13).....	1:00
Map Reading (2).....	2:00	Map Reading (2).....	2:00	Map Reading (2).....	1:00
Individual cover and concealment. Actions of scouts and patrols (3).....	3:00	Individual cover and concealment. Actions of scouts and patrols (3).....	3:00	Individual cover and concealment. Actions of scouts and patrols (3).....	2:00
Map Reading (2).....	1:00	Map Reading (2).....	1:00	Map Reading (2).....	3:00
Practical Application of the Use of the Compass (Coaches) (2).....	2:30	Practical Application of the Use of the Compass (2).....	2:30	Practical Application of the Use of the Compass (2).....	1:00
Emergency and Disaster Relief Plans.....	2:00	Company Management.....	2:00	Company Management.....	2:00
Orders, messages and reports. Message Center Procedure (4).....	2:00	Tactical use of gas and smoke (5).....	2:00	Tactical use of gas and smoke (5).....	2:00
Application of map reading (2).....	2:00	Application of map reading (2).....	2:00	Application of map reading (2).....	2:00
Preparation of field problems.....	1:00	Simple field fortification and camouflage (7).....	2:00	Simple field fortification and camouflage (7).....	2:00
Training and Employment of machine gun platoon.....	1:00	Street fighting (8).....	2:30	Street fighting (8).....	2:30
Street fighting (8).....	2:30	Planning and Conduct of Weapons Training (9).....	2:00	Planning and Conduct of Weapons Training (9).....	2:00
Planning and Conduct of Weapons Training (9).....	2:00	Rifle marksmanship (10).....	6:00	Rifle marksmanship (10).....	2:00
Marksmanship, carbine or pistol (10).....	6:00	Military Courtesy (11).....	2:00	Military Courtesy (11).....	6:00
Military Courtesy (11).....	2:00	Sanitation—Malaria control (12).....	2:00	Sanitation—Malaria control (12).....	2:00
Sanitation—Malaria control (12).....	2:00	Administration (13).....	2:00	Administration (13).....	2:00
Administration (13).....	2:00	First Aid (14).....	1:00	First Aid (14).....	1:00
First Aid (14).....	1:00	Training the Company Administra- tive Specialists (15).....	1:00	Sub-machine gun (20).....	1:00
Employment and training of the Headquarters Detachment (15).....	1:00	Field exercise and overnight bivouac (6).....	7:00	Field exercise and overnight bivouac (6).....	7:00
Field exercise and overnight bivouac (6).....	7:00	Field exercise.....	4:00	Field exercise.....	4:00
Field exercise.....	4:00	Training Aids (16).....	1:00	Training Aids (16).....	1:00
Training Aids (16).....	1:00	Safeguarding classified Material (17).....	1:00	Safeguarding classified Material (17).....	1:00
Safeguarding classified Material (17).....	1:00	Preparation of programs and schedules (18).....	1:00	Preparation of programs and schedules (18).....	1:00
Preparation of programs and schedules (18).....	1:00	Interior Guard Duty (19).....	1:00	Interior Guard Duty (19).....	1:00
Interior Guard Duty (19).....	1:00	Amateur night.....	1:00	Amateur night.....	1:00
Amateur night.....	1:00	Review and examination.....	2:00	Review and examination.....	2:00
Review and examination.....	2:00	Graduation.....	1:00	Graduation.....	1:00
Graduation.....	1:00	Check out.....	1:00	Check out.....	1:00
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tation commanding officers and staff officers, one for company officers, and one for selected non-commissioned officers who are considered good timber for commissioned officers.

The school this year will feature outdoor activities and the men will sleep on the ground and eat emergency field rations.

The complete program is printed in connection with this story.

"I'm Brave Hawk," said the Indian Chief, introducing himself to a paleface. "This is my son, Fighting Bird."

"And here," he added, "is my grandson, Four-Engine Bomber."

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### Huntsville Captain Adds Silver Star To Collection of Medals

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Captain Milton H. Steffen of Huntsville, Texas, can now add the Silver Star to his collection of medals he has won in this war. The Silver Star, third highest battle award, was given to the 36th "Texas" Division officer for gallantry in action on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Steffen previously received the Legion of Merit for his outstanding leadership of an infantry regiment. He won the Silver Star for action during a terrific enemy mortar and artillery barrage. He went forward to inspect battalion positions, and improve defenses.

Although wounded in this action, Steffen refused to be evacuated, continuing to encourage his men. "His magnificent courage and outstanding ability were an inspiration to officers and men of his command," his citation said.

Captain Steffen has been overseas 13 months. He has served in North Africa and Italy and was among the first American troops to set foot on the Italian mainland during the invasion below Salerno.

### HUMOR SHORTS

It was in the late fall last year. An Arkansas youth who had been working in the city returned to the hills. He had been drafted. "Maw," he said, "I'm a-goin' off to war, but I'm a-goin' to take kere of you just the same." His mother nodded proudly, "I knowed you would, Zeke, you're a good boy."

"I'm goin' to send ye half my pay."

"I knowed ye would, Zeke."

"And I am a-goin' to take out thet new thing they call insurance—in case I gits kilt. I'm a-goin' tuh give ye thet too."

"I knowed you would, Zeke."

"Well, good-bye, Maw."

"Good-bye, Zeke; and listen Zeke. I wanna warn ye—don't ye be comin' back here until ye've whupped thet damn Yankees this time!"

Postmaster: "I'm sorry, but I can't cash this money order for you unless you have identification. Have you some friends in camp?"

Pvt.: "Not me. I'm the bugler."

We have just discovered that in the Eskimo language "I love you" is translated "univigsantuinalfinajaniariskuerjak." This probably accounts for the reason the nights up there are so long.

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### Texas Cook Prepares 1000th Meal In Army

Center.—Completing 18 months of service overseas with a service company of the Fifth Army's 3rd "Marne" Division, now on the Allied Fifth Army's Anzio beachhead in Italy, Pvt. Richard E. Crawford, son of Mrs. Lela C. Crawford of Center, recently helped to prepare his 1000th meal in his company kitchen since sailing for North Africa in 1942.

Having taken part in the invasion of Africa, Sicily and Italy and establishment of the beachhead, Pvt. Crawford and his crew have served up chow under all kinds of circumstances and frontline conditions. Once in Africa they prepared a meal while bouncing over Tunisian roads in a GI truck at 60 miles an hour. Recently they worked in a building on the beachhead which was repeatedly hit by enemy artillery shells.

"Our 1000th meal was the best of all," said Pvt. Crawford. "We gave the boys five fresh eggs for breakfast that day, with fresh butter, bacon and steak for dinner—right on the Anzio beachhead."

### Aide To G. I. Bill Of Rights Chief Named

Washington.—Past National Commander John G. Emery has been named chairman of a special sub-committee of the governing council of the National Association of Real Estate Boards to render every assistance to the administrator of veterans' affairs in carrying out the loan provisions of the American Legion's omnibus G. I. Bill of Rights for World War II veterans when it becomes law. He is himself an outstanding real estate expert.

The appointment even before the measure has been enacted is an indication that G. I. Joe and G. I. Jane will have every protection against being "gypped" if they decide to avail themselves of government loans to purchase homes or farms. It also demonstrates that business and professional organizations are preparing to assist in implementing the provisions of the impending law so that every World War II veteran will get the best service and best deal.

Chairman Emery's job, in short, will be to cooperate with the administrator of veterans' affairs in an endeavor to protect any veteran buying a home or farm from paying more than the property is worth.

"We are not going to let G. I. Joe or G. I. Jane pay \$4000 for a \$3200 piece of property," Chairman Emery said. "There will be no water appraisals. We will see to that."

### Utah Guard Is Organized On Regiment Plan

Major Donald W. Peacock, president of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, sent the following article to The Guardsman to be published at his request. The information came to him, his letter says, in a letter from Lt. Col. Joseph Soelberg, commanding the 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, Utah State Guard.

"The Utah State Guard is organized under the regimental set-up with three battalions of four companies each to the regiment. The companies are set up for sixty men to the company and have four officers each, one captain, one 1st Lieutenant and two 2nd Lieutenants.

"Non-commissioned officers include a 1st Sergeant, seven Sergeants, nine Corporals, and one private first class to each two privates. They have just recently been issued the OD uniform and .30 caliber rifle. Each company has three Thompson sub-machine guns. They expect to be issued some radio equipment in the near future as well as some transportation from the army.

"The last Legislature authorized a small pay scale for members of the Utah State Guard. For each drill they receive the following pay:

Colonel .....	\$2.50
Lt. Colonel.....	2.25
Major .....	2.00
Captain .....	1.75
1st Lieutenant.....	1.50
2nd Lieutenant.....	1.25
M/Sergeant .....	1.00
T/Sergeant .....	.90
S/Sergeant .....	.85
Sergeant .....	.75
Corporal .....	.65
Pvt. 1st Class.....	.55
Private .....	.50

"At camps they receive the same base pay as regular army for each grade.

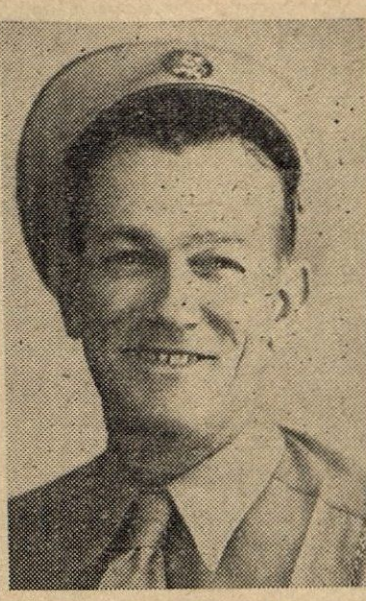
"The letter also said the Utah State Guard is thinking of reducing the size of their companies to 40 men and three officers with a battalion headquarters company of 35 men and two officers."

"My cap's off to  
the pause  
that  
refreshes"



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### Praises Guard



Former First Sergeant Brooks Hall, a veteran of 18 months service in the army and 18 months in the Texas State Guard,

22nd Battalion at Houston, now is stationed with the Army Air Force Rescue Service at Gulfport, Miss. He writes: "I can recommend the Texas State Guard training to anyone. It has done a great deal for me in the army."

The automobile motor pounded and suddenly wheezed to a stop on a lonely road.

"I wonder what that knock is?" mused the soldier.

"Maybe it's opportunity," chirped his blonde companion.

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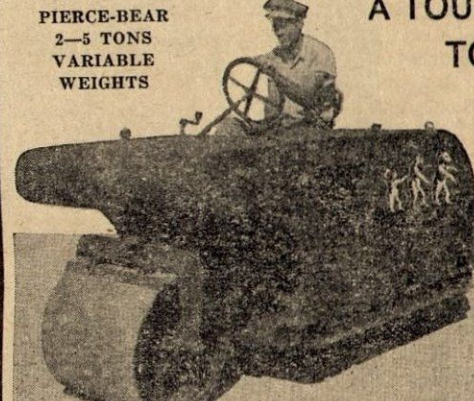
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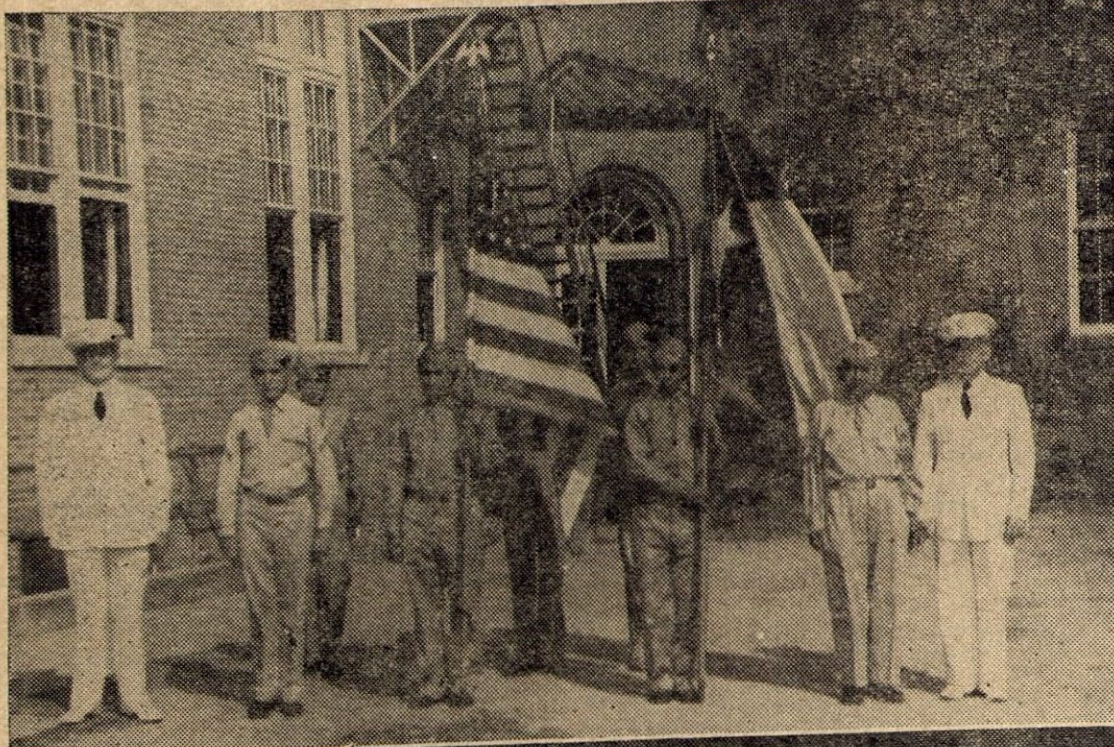
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## 24th Battalion Welcomes New Americans



In the picture above the color guard is shown with Capt. C. S. McKinney on the left and Capt. D. B. Briggs on the right. The two officers are shown below, Captain McKinney on the left and Capt. Briggs on the right.

On May 21 Headquarters of the 24th Battalion stepped out of its usual role as guardians of the peace and added its welcome to the nation's newest citizens. The third Sunday of each May is "I AM AN AMERICAN" day, and by Presidential proclamation is observed nationally in recognition of those who have just completed the necessary steps of naturalization and to those who have just reached their 21st birthday, either event of which makes them a new citizen and a full-fledged AMERICAN.

A complete program was outlined by Headquarters in connection with the Immigration Department, of which Norvell Norwood is chief representative in matters of this nature. The main speaker for the occasion was the Rev. C. S. McKinney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Benito, and also chaplain of the 24th Battalion. His talk was interpreted in Spanish by E. B. Duarte, a charter member of the Guard and its newest lieutenant-to-be. Master of ceremonies was Capt. D. B. Briggs, executive officer of the 24th. Music was furnished by an orchestra of the high school band under the direction of Dick Walker.

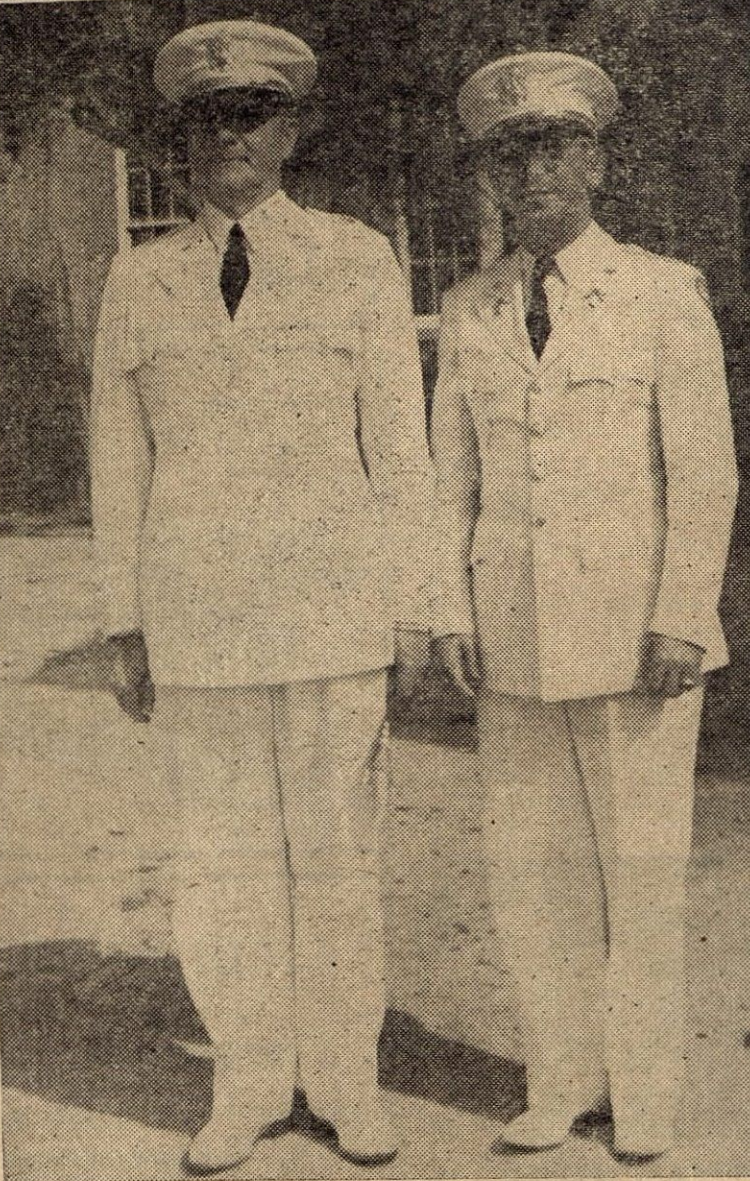
At the close of the program a small United States flag was presented each new citizen by the Guard as a token of the friendship and welcome felt by all visitors.

The color guard was furnished by members of Company A, 24th, under the leadership of Sgt. Ralph Dunkleberg.

It is the plan of the Guard in Brownsville to extend this over a wider scope in years to come and to make it an annual event in connection with an anniversary party to be started next year. It is the hope of the 24th to make this one of the outstanding events of the year.

### Taylor WAC Serving With Gen. Eisenhower

Taylor.—Pvt. Mary T. Stibrik of Taylor, Women's Army Corps, is now stationed at the headquarters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Forces.



### Texas U. Professor Edits Service Letter

Austin.—Enough sheets of paper to stretch from the University of Texas Main Building to the State Capitol one mile away—that's the nine-month wartime total of correspondence between a typical University professor here and his former students all over the world. Like many faculty members, A. H. Deen, chairman of the geology

department, found it impossible to answer individually every letter from answer-hungry exes. So, last September, he started combining news items, adding comments, and issuing a regular newsletter.

Since then, over 5,000 mimeographed pages of school news have been mailed to his former students in every war theatre, and he reports the "circulation demand is rising."

## Governor Pays Fine Tribute To Infantry

The following proclamation, issued by Governor Coke Stevenson, paid tribute to the infantry of the United States Army on Infantry Day, June 15, 1944:

"A directive from Lieutenant General Leslie J. McNair, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, has designated June 15, 1944, as INFANTRY DAY and authorized the proper observance of that day by units and installations of the Army Ground Forces.

"The United States Infantry Association, through its President, Major General John H. Hildring, has called upon the Governors of the various states to give proper recognition to the day on which the nation will pay tribute to the foot soldier.

### "Determining Factor"

"On the eve of the invasion of Europe, the War Department itself, has issued a reminder that the infantry is 'the central and determining factor in all combat. The infantry bears the major portion of the loss and hardships incident to gaining the final decision. There is nothing in front of the front line infantry except the enemy.' The War Department praises the 'magnificent contribution to infantry success of the air forces, the artillery, the engineers, the armored and tank destroyer unit, but the infantryman must gain the decisions which combine to insure final victory... and if necessary, must do it in hand-to-hand combat.'

"The infantry division is the unit by which the strength of larger forces is gauged. The infantry has, in the wars of the past, been called the Queen of the Battles. The ground forces operations in Italy prove that the Queen still reigns. The foot soldier has done his job with benefit of little public acclaim. The job has been that of taking and holding ground, and that, according to those who know the trade of war, is the way that wars are won.

"Now, therefore, I, Coke Steven-

son, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby declare Thursday, June 15, 1944, as

### Infantry Day

and urge all citizens of this State to honor the members of the infantry with such observances and celebrations as they may deem appropriate."

## 100 Million V-Mail Letters Go To Britain

Washington.—Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, Wednesday received the 100,000,000th V-mail letter to be dispatched to the United States from the United Kingdom, the War Department announced.

The letter, from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, informed General Marshall that "100 million times soldiers of the European theater have used V-mail to send a message home."

## Cooks Are Human, Too

An Advanced Army Base, New Guinea.—The cooks were protected from cursing and ironic comments on the food were prohibited by official notices posted here last week.

One read: "Hereafter no member of this mess personnel shall curse the cook, either on or off duty. Cooks are human, too, and are doing their best."

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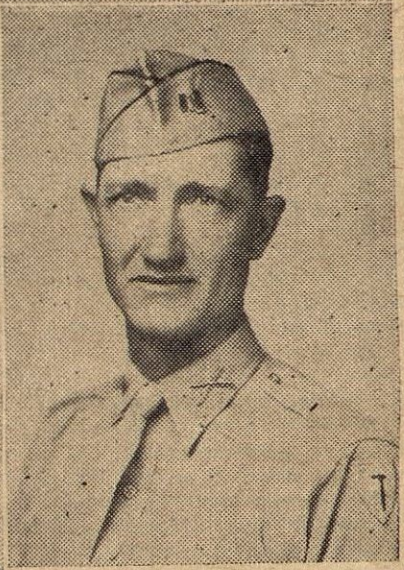
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# Former Guardsman Captures Jap Trophies



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Pfc. Ed Ray McDonald, Jr., son of Mrs. Edward Ray McDonald of San Angelo, has been in the thick of the Marine Corps fighting for the past 14 months. Young McDonald, who was a member of Co. B, 11th Battalion of the Texas State Guard from May, 1942, until Sept. 8, 1942, was 19 years old on Jan. 1, 1944. He recently wrote Captain E. K. Kelly that the basic training he received in Co. B made his life much easier in Marine boot camp and gave him an edge on boys who had had no military training.

The top picture is of a group of souvenirs young McDonald gathered after the bloody battle of Tarawa where the Marines wrote an imperishable page of glory in the history of an historic army unit.

In the picture are shown a map which listed all territory which the Japanese army had listed for capture and subjugation. The map has holes from incendiary American bullets. Also shown are an officer's blouse, trousers and cap, complete with insignia which denoted service in a crack division.

At the right are a personal diary, toilet articles, paper and cheap metal money, a silk scarf and a Shinto bible.

The center of the picture shows a cap and pictures of top Japanese officers, with a picture of the color guard and company above. While the picture does not show it, the uniform was riddled with shell and bomb fragments. It had been cleaned and patched before the picture was taken.

Below, left to right: Pfc. McDonald; a six-foot American soldier wearing the Jap uniform, which shows the difference in height between an average Jap

and a six-foot American, and Capt. Kelly, who rose from the ranks to command Company B. Capt. Kelly served a four-year hitch in the Marines, on the East Coast and in Nicaragua and Cuba, and wears the three years service star for Guard service.

## Commando Kelly's Story Brings \$40,000

Pittsburgh.—Sgt. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly, mild-mannered Pittsburgh lad who killed forty Nazis in Italy and returned to the U. S. with the Medal of Honor, is on easy street.

This week he cashed a check for

\$25,000, a payment from 20th Century-Fox Films, the company which will film the Sergeant's life story, including his exploits in Italy. Previously, the Saturday Evening Post had paid Sergeant Kelly \$15,000 for his life story. With an eye to the future the Sergeant has deposited both checks in a trust fund which he set up for his mother, Mrs. Irene Kelly.

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## 37th Battalion Seeks Recruits To Secure Armory

Athens.—Company B, 37th Battalion, Texas State Guard, is waging a campaign to enlist recruits here. The purpose of the drive is to maintain a membership of normal strength, which is necessary if an armory costing some \$100,000 is erected here.

A fund of around \$100,000 was set aside prior to the war for the construction of an armory here, upon the condition support the National Guard, which it did. The beginning of hostilities brought an end to immediate plans, but the Armory will be constructed after the war, provided the county maintains a membership of sufficient strength for Company B to continue to support the National Defense effort.

Capt. Fred Gilliam, Lts. Emmett Lawhon and H. R. Tucker are conducting the drive for recruits.

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Pfc.: "Yes, and that dress makes it look all the worse."

Cpl.: "This is a blackout, Marge. Are you afraid?"  
Marge: "Not if you take that cigar out of your mouth."

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## Fifth Battalion Disperses "Unruly" Crowd At Austin

Steel helmeted guardsmen of the 5th Battalion, Austin, equipped with full field packs, rifles and bayonets, and an assortment of various kinds of gas, dispersed an "unruly crowd" in a park in downtown Austin on Monday night, June 12.

All units of the 5th Battalion participated in the problem, first of its kind to be given the members of the Austin battalion.

Purpose of the problem was to familiarize the guardsmen of the 5th Battalion with their various duties and assignments when, and if, the guard is called out to assist the local civil authorities in case of race trouble.

The "unruly crowd" was simulated, but the units of the 5th Battalion acted as if it was the real thing.

Guards were posted at street intersections to keep people and cars out of the area, concertinas were put down and guards posted to stop cars, and the medical and headquarters detachments established command posts.

Companies under command of Capt. Carl Hardin, Victor Land, Henry Cain and 1st Lt. Marvin Miller acted on assigned positions on the border of the park and upon orders from the commanding officer of the battalion began their anti-riot formations.

After more than an hour of going through the various riot formations, the motor convoy reformed and proceeded back to headquarters at Camp Mabry.

## Yanks In Marshalls Attend 'University'

(This story was written by Sgt. Theron J. Rice, 1319 Farragut St., N. W., Washington, D. C., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.)

Somewhere in the Marshall Islands—American forces on two islands now trudge to classes six nights a week at a "college" and a "university" which claim the distinction of being the first institutions of learning on captured pre-war Japanese soil.

Founded by Navy Lieut. John McG. Dalenz of Greenwich, Conn., and Marine Second Lieut. R. E. Turner of 1518 South Hayworth Street, Los Angeles, as a means of diversion from daily routine, classes are open to all personnel.

They offer a curriculum that includes elementary and advanced mathematics, business law and investments, human biology, book-keeping and accounting, practical English, elementary chemistry, Pacific geography and current events, public speaking, and French and Spanish.

Dean of the college is Navy Lieut. F. N. Nutt, New York City. Numbered among the instructors is Marine First Lieut. Hugh Gallarneau of Chicago, Ill., former Stanford University and Chicago Bears football player.

## Non-Com Club Maps Program Of Training

By SGT. W. F. SCHULTZ

Though hampered by all the usual difficulties which beset serious-minded efforts of this kind, the 51st Battalion N. C. O. Club at Dallas is carrying on its activities in a most commendable manner. Its leaders firmly believe in the idea of providing extra training for non-coms on a voluntary basis, and they are being loyally supported in their educational program by battalion and company officers.

On May 17 a fried chicken picnic dinner was served at Kiest Park, to which all battalion and company officers and non-coms were invited as guests of the club. A problem in night patrol and reconnaissance was offered by Captain Fitch of Company C. The group was divided into two details which went into action against reported paratroopers advancing on Hampton air field. Their assignments were carried out successfully and were concluded by 22:30 o'clock. This proved to be valuable training to the men in the handling of their command in night operations. Captains Fitch, Gregg and Pender acted as umpires and observers.

### New Officers

New officers of the club for the next term are: Sgt. W. F. Schultz, Company C, president; Sgt. E. M. Hays, Company B, vice president; Sgt. R. E. Sorrells, Company D, secretary-treasurer. A three-months program was adopted which is based largely on internal security, martial law situations, and military police duties. This program was approved by Major Younger, battalion commander, and instructors are being assigned by the Eighth Service Command at Dallas.

The meeting of May 31 was devoted to brushing up on the finer points of handling the Enfield rifle under the instruction of Sgt. Ivey of the Eighth Service Command. T/5 Grossman gave instructions on disassembling and handling the Thompson, and related some of his experiences in food riots in Europe after the last World War. He served in southeastern European armies for seven years as a machine gunner and after the war served through a number of domestic disturbances such as riots, insurrections, civil war and policing.

### Educational Program

May 31, 1944—ARMS (Reising, Thompson and Enfield rifles).

Nomenclature, dis-assembling, cleaning, repairs, firing jams, sighting exercises, firing positions for semi-automatic rifles, effectiveness, range, and ballistics.

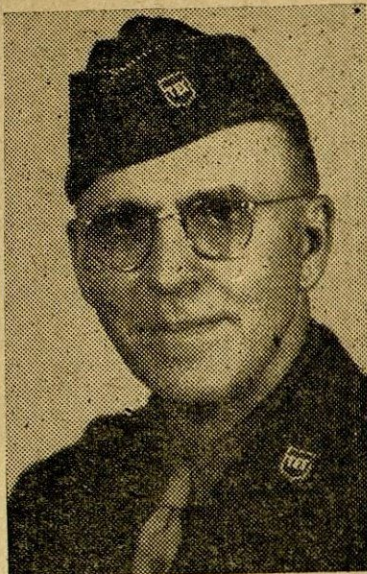
June 14, 1944—MARKSMANSHIP (at Outdoor Range).

Proper positions, breathing, trigger squeeze, sighting exercises, firing.

June 28, 1944—MARTIAL LAW SITUATIONS AND BAYONET DRILLS.

Troop movements to area of disturbance, preparations for taking control of situation, making camp, attitude toward civilians, State law governing State troops and martial

## Sgt. W. F. Schultz



President of the 51st Battalion Non-Coms Club of Dallas.

law. Bayonet drill, 20 minutes. Personal defensive tactics.

July 12, 1944—MARTIAL LAW (Continued).

Setting up street patrols, posting sentries and guards, defensive tactics and weapons (night stick, rifle, shotgun, bayonet, semi-automatic rifle), taking prisoners, personal combat. State laws governing State troops and martial law. Bayonet drill, 20 minutes. Personal offensive tactics.

### Special Operations

July 26, 1944—SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

Mob control, riot formation, tear and other gas bombs, gas masks, building assault, safety escorts, mass defensive and offensive measures, mob dispersal, bayonet drill, 20 minutes. Motorized street patrols and reconnaissance. Fires and explosions by mobs.

August 9, 1944—DISASTERS AND RELIEF WORK.

Fires, explosions, flood, resuscitation and first-aid measures, sanitation, food distribution, prevention of looting.

Opportunity will be given at all meetings for questions on combat and drilling procedures, manual of arms, handling of command units, maneuvers, strategy, etc.

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**TEXAN WINS SECOND AWARD**  
Kerrville.—First Lt. Jesse C. Ammons, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ammons, has been presented the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Air Medal, for meritorious achievement while participating in transport flights in the South Pacific battle zone. Lt. Ammons, a pilot with a Troop Carrier Squadron of the 13th AAF Service Command, entered the service in July, 1942.

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# Man Who Drafted Self Now In India

Henderson.—The man who drafted himself has been heard from again. Major Ralph Holman, Texas State Guard, chairman of local selective service board No. 2, is in receipt of a letter from Sgt. Floyd K. Hull, former chief clerk of the board, who is now in India. Sgt. Hull prepared and signed the order putting himself into service. He writes that where he is located it is 141 degrees and the natives inform him it will soon get hot. Since entering the air service Sgt. Hull says he has flown about 40,000 miles and seen lots of country. "Am having plenty of fun and luck, which is all a soldier really needs," he informed Major Holman.

# Rifle Marksmanship Training, Qualifications Course Slated

A rifle marksmanship training and qualifications course has been announced by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas of the adjutant general's staff for Texas State Guardsmen.

The course is outlined in Training Memorandum No. 2, which follows:

1. U. S. rifles, caliber .30 M1917, .30 caliber ammunition and copies of FM 23-6 are being distributed from this headquarters.

2. Under the provisions of paragraph 6-C (15) MTP for state guards, 29 April 1942, battalion commanders are directed for the use of a standard 200-yard rifle range, appoint the necessary range officers, and make such other plans as are necessary for having the members of the Guard to fire Course "C" (paragraph 50, FM 23-6), as modified and outlined in paragraph 6, this memorandum. From the .30 caliber ammunition issued per letter, this headquarters, subject: "Issue of Federal Property," dated 17 January, 1944, 40 rounds per person is allowed for practice and record fire. It is still desired and necessary that a tactical reserve of 10 rounds per rifle be maintained in the unit supply room. FM 23-6 should be followed so far as possible in planning and firing the course. It is suggested that adjacent army ranges be utilized if possible.

3. No member of the Guard shall be given range practice until he has received sufficient preparatory marksmanship training. In this connection, special attention is called to Chapter 2, FM 23-6.

4. Records on each man will be kept and these will be certified and transmitted to this Headquarters through channels for entry in the service records.

5. An attempt is being made to secure permission from the Eighth Service Command for authorizing the wearing of U. S. Army badges by men who qualify in the course. If this permission is granted, organization commanders will be notified.

6. Authorized course.

a. Instruction practice. (Four rounds will be used for setting sights.)

(1) Rifle is to be loaded with one round. After the first round is fired, the rifle is reloaded

TABLE I—SLOW FIRE					
Range (Yds.)	Time Seconds	Shots	Target	Position	Sling Loop
200	No Limit	4	A	Prone from	Do
200	Do	4	A	Standing	Do
200	Do	4	A	Sitting from	Hasty

TABLE II—SUSTAINED FIRE					
Range (Yds.)	Time Seconds	Shots	Target	Position	Sling Loop
200	36	(1)	D	Prone	Do
		3		Sitting	
		(1)	D	Standing	
		3		Standing	

with a full clip, only two rounds of which will be fired.

(b. Record practice. (The firing in Table I and II will be repeated for record.)

7. Classification and minimum aggregate scores. Individual classification and minimum aggregate scores required for qualification in marksmanship for each individual authorized to complete record practice are as follows:

Expert rifleman.....78  
Sharpshooter.....73  
Marksman.....59

8. Time will be allowed in the next Quarterly Training Directive for this training.

9. This firing will be completed not later than 1 October, 1944.

# General Declares We Would Lose War Without Non-Coms

A high-ranking officer who was once a non-com himself, recently paid high tribute to the corporals and sergeants of the Eighth Service Command.

"Without the soldiers who wear stripes on their sleeves the Army would lack leadership, one of the most precious ingredients of victory," Brigadier General C. B. Rucker, Eighth Service Command chief of staff, said in Dallas. "The old saying that they are the backbone of the Army is as true as it ever was."

General Rucker entered the regular Army as a private in 1909, became a corporal and sergeant of the 6th Infantry and won a commission before his first enlistment was up. His rise in the peacetime Army was as rapid as many a rise in the expanding wartime Army.

"The Army is 45 times as large now as it was when the war began," Gen. Rucker declared. "One of the great problems in building an Army of 7,700,000 from a nucleus of regular, full-time fighting force of but 174,000 was the finding of enlisted men with enough competence, loyalty and initiative to enable them to lead their comrades. In many cases the men who are the junior military leaders today are men to whom the military profession meant nothing two years ago.

"Our battle successes in North

Africa, Sicily, Italy and the Pacific as well as the achievements of the soldiers whose job has been to train replacements and operate the service part of the Army behind the lines here in this country are a monument to American leadership. That leadership begins with the non-commissioned officers.

"The non-coms are not winning the war themselves, but we certainly would lose it if we didn't have men who could earn and keep their stripes. This Headquarters is proud of the Eighth Service Command non-commissioned officers."

—Camp Polk Communique.

# Texan Falls Through First Aid Station To Get His Purple Heart

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Private First Class Henry Hehensen of Ganado, Texas, is probably the only man in the 36th "Texas" Division who has received the Purple Heart for literally falling through a medical aid station on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

It happened on a mountain pass near the town of Mignano. Hehensen's battalion had established a ration dump and each company sent a detail of men to carry the rations up the mountain to unit positions.

The path was extremely rocky and slippery and rain was incessant. German shells kept falling uncomfortably close. Hehensen was groping up the mountainside in the dark with a box of rations on his back when a shell fell directly in front of him.

The next thing he knew he was lying on his back in a large pit with two medical aidmen standing over him. "Where did he come from?" one asked the other. "I

don't know," was the reply. "He just fell in." That was exactly what Hehensen had done.

The aid station was located in a large Italian lime kiln near the mountain path. The concussion of the shell burst had hurled him through the improvised roof. "It was convenient at least," he said philosophically, "and later when I was in the hospital, General Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army Commander, came around to greet me."

Hehensen was the first man in his hometown to be inducted into the army. He joined the 36th Division in January, 1941, and was assigned to a heavy weapons company. Since Salerno, he has been with his outfit in every engagement his division has participated in.

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BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS**27th Battalion Holds First Of Three Bivouacs**

The 27th Battalion, T.S.G., Fort Worth, conducted the first of a series of three bivouacs to be held during the summer on May 6 and 7.

The first was held at Eagle Mountain Lake and was conducted primarily to acquaint new members of the battalion with the proper procedure on making and maintaining a bivouac.

Each unit of the battalion was assigned a separate area in which to bivouac and were charged with the security of that area. Each unit provided and maintained its own mess for the period of the bivouac.

Saturday 6 May at 1900 a problem in deployment and attack was conducted with Companies C and E as demonstration troops. Simulated battle conditions were afforded by the use of special fireworks made available for the occasion. Simulated fire consisted of grenades, ground flares, mortars, machine guns and land mines. Litter teams from the medical detachment assisted in the problem by removing the simulated casualties from the field.

Sunday 7 May at 0900 a Gas Rec. Agents Course was conducted by Capt. Jack Massengale and 1st Lt. L. D. Carruth of Company B. This demonstration was patterned after the Gas Rec. Agents Course conducted by the 8th Service Command at Dallas, Texas. Capt. Massengale and Lt. Carruth are graduates of this course. The battalion was fortunate in having the services of Capt. Henicka, CWS 8th Service Command, to give a lecture on gases preceding the demonstration.

The second of a series of bivouacs was held 24-25 June and consisted of problems in defense and offense.

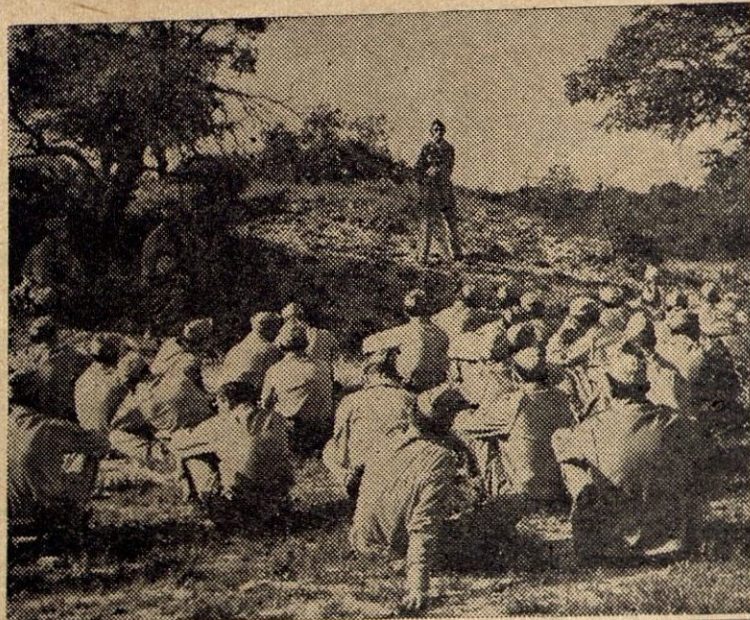
**Ninety Per Cent Of Battalions Member Of Officers Ass'n**

Ninety per cent of the battalions in the Texas State Guard are now represented by membership in the Texas State Guard Officers Association, Major Donald W. Peacock, president, announces.

Forty-six of the 51 battalions hold memberships.

"There are but five that are not represented by a single member," Major Peacock says. "Those are the 18th, 30th, 37th, 40th and 47th."

A drive to bring the membership to 1,000 is being planned, President Peacock says.

**Scenes From Fort Worth Bivouac**

These pictures were taken on the recent bivouac of the 27th Battalion, Fort Worth. At top Captain Henicka of the Eighth Service Command delivers a lecture on gases preceding the gas demonstration. The center pic-

ture shows the message center in operation. The picture below shows the battalion infirmary with Major L. N. McNally, battalion medical officer, in the foreground.

A couple blessed with their first child didn't get to the hospital quick enough and the baby was born on the hospital lawn. The itemized bill was finally received and the husband objected strenuously to the item: "Delivery Room, \$25.00." He returned the bill for revision. In due time it was returned with the item revised to read: "Green Fees, \$25.00."

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Thanks, Lt. Akin!

The June issue of The Guardsman carried an excellent article on the 50th Battalion School at Texarkana, crediting the story to Capt. Elmer R. Bondurant.

Captain Bondurant sent the story in and writes that the article was written by Lt. W. P. Akin, medical detachment.

Thank you very much, Lt. Akin.

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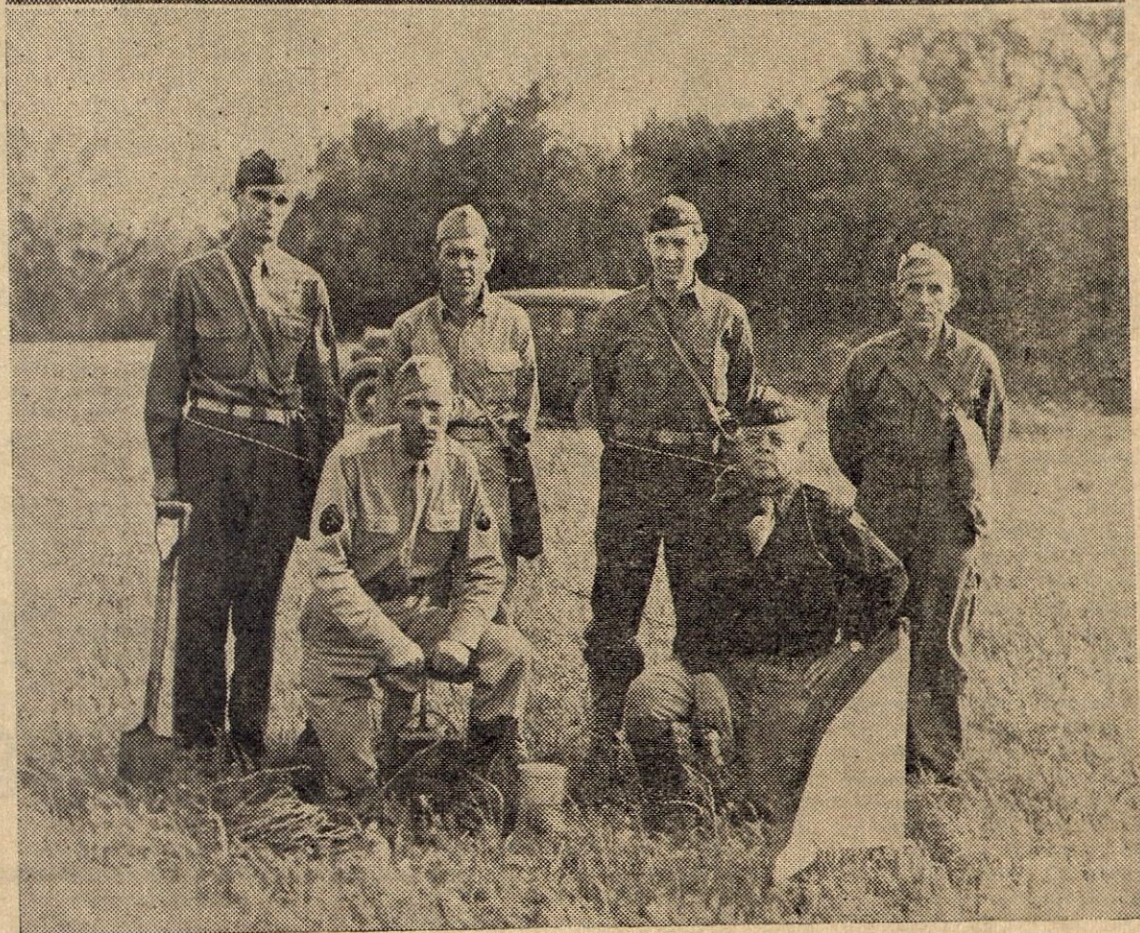
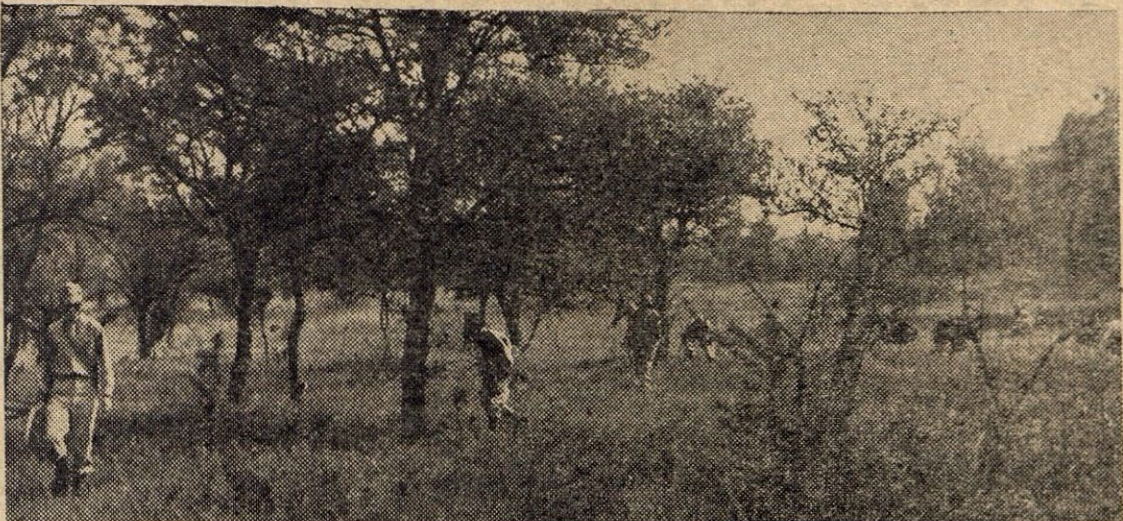
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19th Carries Out Gas Problem



By CAPT. G. A. PEACH  
Company B, 19th Battalion

The 19th Battalion held a Gas Reconnaissance Agent's School and put each company through the course during April and May, assigning a Sunday afternoon to each company. Unfavorable weather interfered twice, prolonging the time required for all members of the battalion to participate.

A cadre was formed and instructed in their respective parts beforehand. They lectured and carried the companies through the course. The course followed was as exacting as the three-day course taken by selected T.S.G. officers recently at various camps under

Top: 19th Battalion Guardsmen stalking through a field during Gas Reconnaissance Course.

Bottom: Gas Cadre 19th Battalion, T.S.G.

Rear, left to right: Sgt. D. L. Power, Co. B; Sgt. H. D. Pryor, Co. D; Pfc. A. T. Turner, Co. D; Sgt. M. S. Innis, Co. A.

Front, left to right: T/5 L. C. Fleming, Co. C; Capt. G. A. Peach, commanding Co. B.

Sgt. Morris Bock, Hdq. 19th Bn., and T/5 Frank Piccola, Co. B, not in picture.

direction of the Chemical Warfare Officers and Men of the 8th Service Command, U.S.A., except as to chemical analysis, the OCA features and gas chambers. Also, the new service gas masks not being available, the issue of training masks were used.

After demonstrating the dispersing and passing each company through gas clouds of Phosgene, Chloripicrin, Lewsite and Mustard so that they become acquainted with the smell and action of the gases, the company was formed for an advance in extended order with scouts out. By the use of dynamite, an area ahead had been contaminated with mustard. Upon coming in contact the scouts donned masks, staked off area, reported back, and the company continued the advance, flanking the area.

On further advance it ran into smoke and tear gas and beyond blank machine gun fire. Of course, the use of gas and smoke as defense by the machine gunners is somewhat in reverse of usual tactics, it added interest, and by having impressed in the beginning war gases are not to be feared on the alert and prepared, we saw no copious tears at the end of the problem.

The cadre's reward for their prior training and preparation was each company's smiles and thanks for the show and privilege of having participated.

The 19th battalion is particularly indebted to Capt. J. L. Owens, Chemical W/F 8th Service Comdg. U.S.A., for training one of its of-

ficers and procurement of materials.

The sergeant and his wife were driving along a lovely country road. They had just had a spat. A mule brayed. "One of your relatives?" asked the sergeant sourly. "Yes," she replied, "by marriage."

The sergeant met a former home town 4F at his new station. "How," he asked, "did they ever let you in?"

"It was the Army docs," said the ex-4F. "They caught me breathing."

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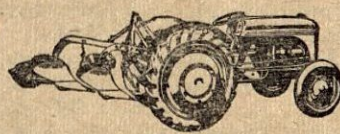
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# FIRING ENFIELD RIFLE, RANGE PROCEDURE

## Col. Finney Gives Tips To Guardsmen

Prepared by Lt. Col. M. R. Finney,  
U. S. A. (Ret.)  
and the

Second Training and Research Unit,  
Texas State Guard.

The Enfield rifles (M-1917) have arrived. All men have already fired the small bore rifle. The members of the organization have familiarized themselves with the new rifle. They have discovered there is no windage adjustment and they will have to use "Kentucky Windage." The peep in the rear sight looks large and the front sight has winged guards. Watch the front sight and not the guards when you fire rapid fire or you may fire off the target. The slings may be M-1907 leather or M-1 improved web.

There will be some who will prefer one type or the other; however, the difference is not great enough to affect the firing of the man who has learned his preliminary marksmanship instruction and then applied it.

Now comes the big moment. The organization is going to the range to fire live ammunition caliber .30. It sounds easy, just to go out and shoot; that is not guaranteed to give the desired results. Ammunition is scarce. Would it be better to spend one or two more drill periods on position exercises and dry shooting before going to the range?

Having decided the company is ready for the range, the next thing is to find an available range and reserve it. Now is the time to start planning how the time on the range is to be used to obtain the best results. Every man in the organization is a coach because the coach and pupil method has been used all through the preliminary instruction. This solves the question of coaches for the firing line.

### Firing Points

How many firing points will be needed? The number of men to fire, the targets available, the firing of preliminary and record in one day, the ammunition to be fired, ranges to be fired, positions (standing, sitting, kneeling, squatting, prone), slow fire and sustained (rapid) fire must all be considered in the pre-range planning. Will it be necessary to have range guards? Are there range flags to put up to indicate firing on the range?

These questions having been solved, we are almost ready to entruck. The range is divided into the firing point and the pits. These must be considered separately before going to the range. The condition of the targets in the target house, posters, spotters, paste, discs, and flags must be adequate for the number of targets to be used.

An officer must be placed in charge of the pits, and he is considered assistant range officer. Two men will be assigned to each target as operators. A non-commissioned officer is given two targets to supervise. He is responsible for proper marking, pasting and manipulation of the targets.

### Back Of Firing Line

The organization on and back of the firing line is very important. The firer with a coach is on the firing line with the muzzle of his rifle ahead of the line stakes show-

ing the target number. Five yards back of this is the line of scorers' benches. Five yards back is the line of telephones, ammunition, rifle racks and cleaning racks with cleaning materials. Ten yards back is the ready line in charge of a non-commissioned officer, who checks each man and his rifle before he goes to the firing line. Ten yards farther back is the waiting line. The area back of the waiting line is the instruction area where additional instruction may be given those needing it or they may rest until called to the waiting line to move forward to the other lines.

The coach procures the ammunition for the firer and loads single shot for slow fire. He checks position, sight setting, breathing, sling adjustment, sight blackening, and trigger squeeze on the firer. The coach may assist or supervise the firer in keeping his score book. When the firer has finished the coach checks rifle to see that no rounds remain in the piece and directs the firer to take his score to Organization Score Chart and have it recorded. This master chart shows at all times the scores fired, the order in which the men will fire and the target they will fire upon.

### Inspect Rifles

The coach should inspect rifles coming to the firing point. Never fire a rifle with dust, dirt, mud, snow, or oil in the bore or chamber. A thin coat of oil should be on all metal parts at all times. After firing it is recommended that if possible while the rifle is still warm, remove bolt and insert muzzle in shallow container of hot soapy water; then insert cleaning rod with a patch on the end through the breech and pump the water back and forth in the chamber and barrel to dissolve primer salts. (Note: Primer salts collect moisture and cause rusting if not removed.) Then dry the bore and chamber and oil with preservative oil.

Clean off outside by wiping off dust and dirt. Put a thin coating of preservative lubricating oil on metal parts, wipe the stock and hand guard with linseed oil, and if the sling is leather, wipe lightly with neatsfoot oil on the flesh side.

Pit details should be very careful on pulling the targets. Pull only when you have seen a penetration or a call for mark has been given. Do not pull when it sounds like a shot has hit a target. The crack of the bullet is sometimes deceiving. Remember there is a difference between MARK AND REMARK. A miss should never be given until the non-commissioned officer in charge has checked carefully, especially in the black circles and the bullseye. Pit details should always leave the pits and range house in as good or better state of police when they took over.

### Orderly Firing Line

The firing line should always be kept orderly, the firer taking his empty brass to the ammunition point when he leaves the firing point to turn in his score. There should be no talking by men or ready line or waiting line to the firer at any time. All should be quiet back of the firing line and the firer given every opportunity to do his best.

All rifles on the range should have the bolts open at all times except when on the firing line.

Pointing of the rifle in directions other than toward the pits is prohibited.

Equipment to be taken to the range should include the following: Shooting pads (for shoulder and elbow).

## Highest Honor



—U. S. Navy Photo.

The Congressional Medal of Honor will be awarded posthumously to Marine Staff Sgt. William J. Bordelon, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bordelon of San Antonio. In Tarawa, under enemy fire, Sgt. Bordelon eliminated three Jap pillboxes and was wounded, but continued fighting and single-handedly knocked out a fourth pillbox before being killed in a burst of Jap fire.

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Organization (master) score chart.  
Signs for firing line, scorer, telephone, ammunition, ready line and waiting line.  
Shelter halves or pieces of canvas to spread on firing point.

## Major J. R. Holman New Commander Legionnaire Unit

Henderson.—Major J. Ralph Holman of Joinerville, commanding officer of the 23rd Battalion, Texas State Guard, is the new commander of the First Division of Texas Legionnaires, comprising districts One, Three, Four and Five, which includes a large part of the East Texas area. He was chosen at the division convention held at Longview, succeeding Raymond A. Gray of Greenville.

The new division commander is a past Grand Chef de Gare of the 40 and 8 of Texas and has been active in Legion affairs for many years.

Breathes there a GI with soul so dead  
Who never to himself had said:  
"To hell with reveille—  
"I'll stay in bed"  
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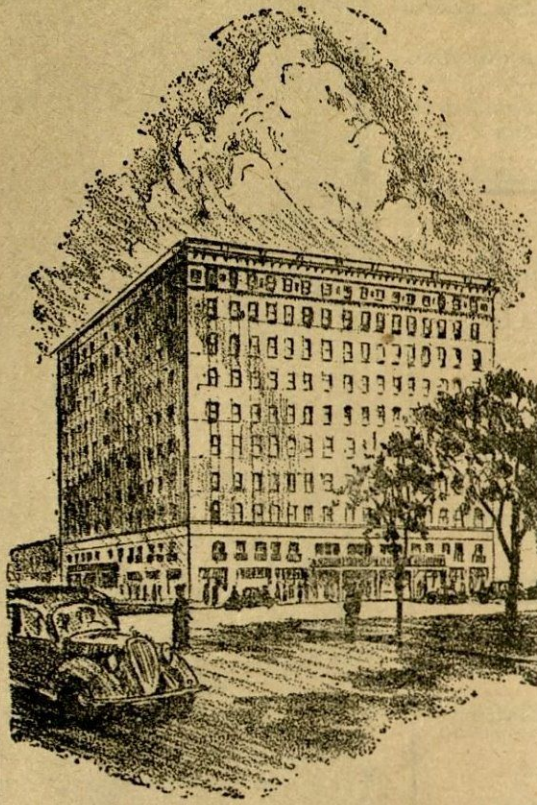
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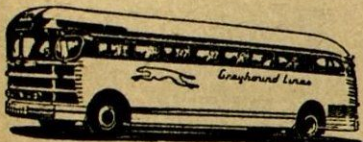
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# 27th Fires Thompson Submarine Gun



All units of the 27th Battalion T.S.G. of Fort Worth recently participated in firing the Thompson submachine gun.

Firing was conducted at Lake Worth on an improvised range. Individual silhouette targets were furnished for each man firing. The

course consisted of ten rounds single fire and ten rounds full automatic, fired in bursts of twos and threes, at a range of thirty-five yards.

The week previous to going on the range, training films of the functioning, firing, loadings and

Top picture shows Company B preparing to fire.  
Bottom photo: The firing line.

marksmanship of the Thompson were shown to each unit of the battalion. Periods of application of the subject matter of the training films were conducted by the respective company training officers following the showing of the films.

The cute nurse, just back from the Pacific, was telling about an air raid.

"At the first alarm," she said, "I jumped out of bed and dove into the nearest wolf hole."

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"Oh," answered the lad, "that old guy gives me 10 cents a day just to say, 'The C.O. wants to see you right now.'"

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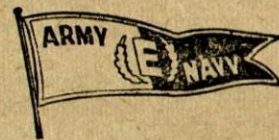
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# Bulletin On Supply Issued By Col. Mason

1. This letter is being written in accordance with a policy of keeping all organizations currently informed as to the status of available supplies, issued by the War Department for the Texas State Guard. Similar letters will be written from time to time when additional information is received which may be of interest to you. Please note that this communication is not a directive, requires no answer, nor special filing, but is to be considered a personal letter from the Staff Section to the officer addressed.

**SHIPMENT OF RIFLES.** Rifles are in process of delivery to all organizations of the Texas State Guard. Deliveries are being effected by motor convoy, direct to organization armories. Battalion commanders will be notified by telephone when convoys are leaving Camp Mabry in order that their organizations will be prepared to receive the rifles. Bayonets and accessories will be included with the shipment of rifles.

**BAYONET SCABBARDS** are not available. These items, which have been authorized for issue to us, are, at this time, on the critical list of supplies, and, in consequence, were placed on Back Order by the Ordnance Department. They will be shipped immediately on receipt at this station.

**RETURN OR PURCHASE OF SHOTGUNS.** The shotgun accounts of all organizations must be closed out at the time rifles are delivered. The officer in charge of truck convoys will pick up shotguns which are to be retained. Payments for shotguns purchased should be made in the form of a check drawn to the Texas State Guard Shotgun Fund. The check should carry a memorandum notation of the number and type of guns purchased. It is not necessary that it be a cashier's check or certified check. It is very desirable, however, that it not be a hot check. It was stated in a previous letter that purchases should be in multiples of ten. This requirement may be disregarded. Organization commanders may purchase any number of their single barrel shotguns which they may desire.

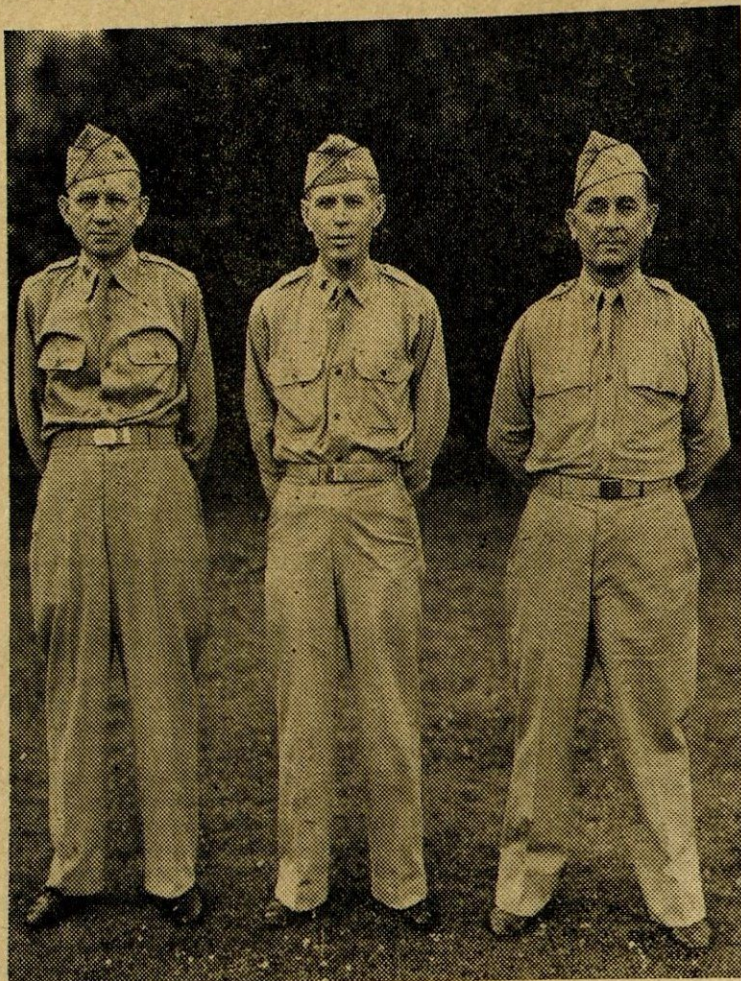
In the event previous memorandums have been lost, the prices of these shotguns are again quoted: Shotgun, single barrel, \$5.25; Shotgun, double barrel, \$15.75.

Again replying to many questions, the pump and automatic shotguns must be returned. We sympathize fully with the desire of many organization commanders to retain these weapons, and would like to keep some of them ourselves, but the War Department has the same ambition, and we are forced to comply with their instructions. So quit making sheep's eyes at those automatics, kiss 'em goodbye, and prepare to turn them in.

Shotguns which are to be returned should be cleaned and oiled and carefully packed, so that they may be loaded in trucks and transported to Austin without damage. Organizations which still have on hand original packers, either cardboard cartons or wooden packing cases, are urged to return these, inasmuch as it will be required that guns be packed and shipped from this station, and packing cases are very much at a premium.

**SHIPMENT OF COTTON CLOTHING.** Shipments of cotton clothing, initiated in accordance with letter of information dated 10 May 1944, have been temporarily discontinued, with units in the north part of the State still unsupplied. At the time we began these shipments we had on hand approxi-

## Officers Co. E, 15th Battalion



Officers of Company E, 15th Battalion, Mineral Wells, Texas. Left to right: Capt. John E. Belcher, 1st Lt. John F. Jones, 2nd Lt. Lawrence W. Davis.

mately 10,000 cotton shirts and trousers, which was less than one-third of the total allotment for the State. As you were advised at that time, it was decided to ship 70 of each to rifle companies, beginning in the southernmost part of the State, with the expectation that additional supplies would be on hand before the first stock was exhausted. Additional clothing has not yet been received, and we are thus forced to temporarily discontinue shipments. We are making every possible effort to expedite the furnishing of these supplies by the War Department, and the shipments to organizations will be completed in a very short time after additional supplies are received. There is no reason to expect any long delay in this connection.

**GAS MASKS.** We have on hand a sufficient supply of masks, gas, service, to equip all organizations. Shipments of this article have been withheld, however, in order to expedite the handling of rifles and clothing. All organizations will be supplied at the earliest possible date. In the meantime, if any organization requires gas masks immediately for any training or other activity, it is suggested that they request a special shipment. Such a request will be cared for immediately on receipt.

**CCC CLOTHING.** You have been advised that all Civilian Conservation Corps clothing would be taken up at an early date. This includes all spruce green woolen clothing, plaid, olive drab, or blue windbreakers; and black shoes. Specific instructions for the return of this property has not been issued because of the fact that all personnel here was engaged in handling in-

coming new property. Several organizations, however, have indicated a desire to clear their armories of this property, and have requested authority to return the same at the time their shotguns were picked up by our truck convoys. This is perfectly agreeable in any instance where it may be desired. CCC clothing should be securely packed, packages carefully labeled to show the organization returning the same, and a shipping list prepared, and forwarded to the State Property Officer by the man in charge of the truck convoy. It is suggested that black shoes not be returned until you are furnished with russet shoes in replacement thereof.

**SHOTGUN SHELLS.** All rifle companies have on hand at least 1,000 rounds of shells, shotgun, 12 gauge, 00. Until such time as definite instructions are issued to the contrary, it is suggested that these shells be retained on hand. Most organizations have purchased a considerable number of shotguns. In the event of an emergency requiring the use of these weapons, this buck shot would be urgently

required, and is not now available on the commercial market. An effort will be made by this Headquarters to secure authority for this ammunition to be held permanently as an emergency reserve.

By Direction of the Adjutant General.

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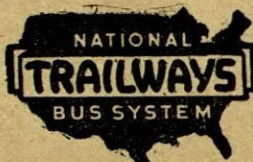
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## Laredo Guardsman Thanks Officers For Fine Training

Private Eduardo R. Romo, now in training at Camp Hood, recently wrote Captain GERALD W. Hildebrand of the 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard in Laredo, expressing his appreciation of the training he received while in the organization. His full letter follows:

Dear Captain Hildebrand:

Sir, you may be a little surprised to receive this letter, but just like the rest of the members of "The Guard," they write back to tell how they have advantaged by the training they received through the State Guard, well, I happen to be one more on the list.

But I am writing you, in an effort to relay this message to the men who are receiving training right now and who may in the future have to serve in the U. S. Army, that whatever advantage they get out of their training does not consider stripes only—oh, yes, you get stripes through that training too, but a man wants to go back home alive.

Well, Sir, here's my point: I started my I.R.T.C. training on the 8th of May and was immediately appointed squad leader. Well, there you can see my first break through my training. But we started our basic training and here's where you wished you had received more State Guard training because they rush your training and whether you understand it or not you go into another subject, and so on through the rest of your training.

But if you have had a little training, like I received, well, no matter how they rush it, I can take it. Because I have knowledge of it. But suppose you don't get it, then you go to the battlefield and you'll probably not get home. Why? Simply because you didn't pay attention to your State Guard officers.

Sir: To you and the rest of the officers, I salute you all. You may save my life, when my time comes to go to bat.

So please relay this message to the men and tell them this comes from a G 2.

So in closing my letter, Sir, I want to thank you and Major Swisher and the rest of the officers, and Captain, I sure would appreciate it if I am entitled to a service ribbon, to please send it to my home address, 404 Laredo street. I have been receiving the "Guardsman" regular, my wife sends it to me. I remain, yours truly, Pvt. Eduardo Romo.

She: "If I am the first girl you ever kissed, how is it that you kiss so well?"

Sgt.: "If I am the first man you ever kissed, how do you know I kiss so well?"

## Houston Battalions Load Ammunition



Two Houston State Guard battalions, the 48th and 2nd, contributed an extra bit to the war effort June 4 by loading bombs at the San Jacinto Ordnance Depot near Houston. The plan worked out so well that the Guardsmen probably will volunteer for more duty. The reason for the duty was a shortage of men to load the munitions. Maj. E. G. Le Sturgeon, depot commander, pronounced the day's work a complete success.

The men of the 48th worked under the command of Major Julian A. Weslow and Major Edward Konken commanded the 2nd. Major Weslow, who arranged for the detail, said that the day's work was largely an experiment, but that since it was so successful a schedule for further assistance to the depot would probably be worked out. While the Guardsmen who worked were strictly volunteers, army regulations required that they be placed on the depot's payroll as civilian employees, so they will be paid at the lowest wage scale.

The men of the two battalions, wearing fatigue uniform, went to the depot in convoy. Mess was served from the battalions' field kitchens.

In the picture above the 80-man detail from the 48th Battalion is shown. Officers, kneeling, left to right, are: 1st Lt. Sam Ayo, mess officer; 1st Lt. W. H. Holmes, medical administrative officer; Lt. A. H. Kreiss, Lt. C. D. Hainer, Major Julian A. Weslow, Capt. B. J. Teague, and Capt. James A. Cushman. Lieutenants Kreises and Hainre are on the staff of the ordnance depot.

Captain: "Have you cleaned the deck and polished the brass?"

Sailor: "Yes, sir, and I've swept the horizon with my telescope."

## Lieutenant Urges Guardsmen Train To Full Advantage

By SGT. MYNATT SMITH

Lt. Hays O. Williams of the Army Air Forces, stationed at Salinas, Calif., on intelligence assignment, returned to Mission recently to visit his old outfit, Co. B, 31st Bn., which he helped organize in 1940. He served as a non-com for a year and was then commissioned a second lieutenant, resigning to enter army officer training. He has recently been promoted to first lieutenant in the air corps.

Lieutenant Williams addressed the company, saying: "Take advantage of every opportunity to better train yourself in every line." He said his own guard training had been valuable to him in his army work and that he had seen guard training result in prompt promotions of recruits to non-com ranks.

Vernon Ply, who served a three-year enlistment in Co. A and then signed up with the Marines, has written back to say that "the sergeants are still running the Marines and the army." He was in charge of a detail going from San Antonio to San Diego for Marine boot camp.

Sgt. Dale Newbrought of the Marines, formerly with Co. A, has been sent to the South Pacific after serving a tour of duty in Iceland. The sergeant was one of the first two men to report for drill in July, 1940, when the Mission company was first organized.

Cpl. Roy Page of the Marines, another former Co. A man, is now at a Southwest Pacific base undergoing final training as a member of an invasion landing group. In addition, he is assigned to a Marine band.

ed "because of new techniques required for the new propellant now in great demand."

The Navy's report said: "In addition to the \$15,000,000 the facilities

of the War Department have been engaged to the greatest extent practicable and they have been set aside for naval use to the extent of about \$20,000,000."—Army Times.

A soldier, picked up by the MP's for carrying a phony pass, was being questioned by a lieutenant at the MP station in town.

"If you weren't going over the hill," asked the Lieutenant, "what were you doing with this forged pass?"

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## \$35,000,000 To Be Spent To Improve New Rocket Guns

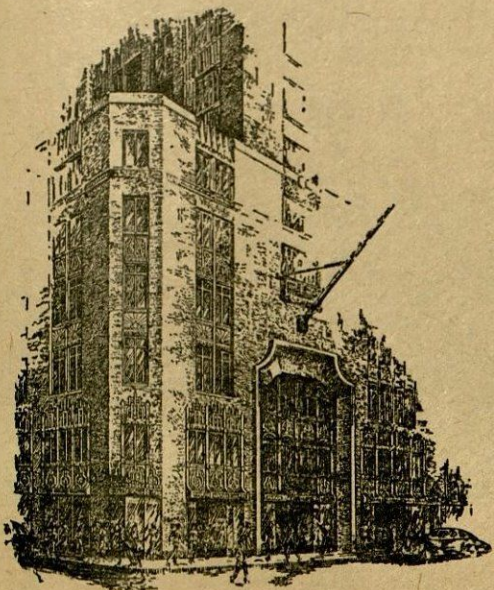
Washington.—That a new rocket gun has been developed by the armed forces which is in such "great demand" that \$35,000,000 is to be spent on further refinements and on production, was revealed in a House Naval Affairs Committee report which recommended a \$65,000,000 appropriation for ordnance manufacture.

Included in the report was a statement from the Navy telling of expansion of work on rocket-propelled weapons.

While no information was given as to the nature of the rocket weapon the Navy's report stated that \$15,000,000 of the proposed \$65,000,000 appropriation was need-

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## Mineral Wells Guard Unit Has Good Record

The Mineral Wells unit of the Texas State Guard, Co. E, 15th Battalion, came into being through the instigation of the Palo Pinto County Defense Committee, of which W. P. Cameron was general chairman. Cameron appointed John E. Belcher to head a committee to look into the feasibility of forming a military company here. Belcher, a Legionnaire himself, requested the Ferris Anderson Post No. 75 to sponsor the company, and secure it State recognition as a member of the Texas Defense Guard.

A mass meeting was called by the American Legion in January of 1942, of all men interested in forming such a company. Over one hundred men met at the City Hall to enlist. The Legion committee, with George Barber as chairman, perfected the organization of the company, naming John E. Belcher as Captain, Otis F. Burris as First Lieutenant and J. Frank Jones as Second Lieutenant.

Some seven months after this, during which the company drilled and trained, the Legion committee, having worked steadily to secure State recognition, made a visit to the Adjutant General of Texas in Austin in the interest of the Guard. On August 3, 1942, the company was designated as Co. E, 15th Battalion, T. D. G., and was officially received into the guard by Major Thomas Gahagan of the Adjutant General's staff, at a public ceremony at Miller Stadium.

Since that date the company has progressed satisfactorily. On State and Federal inspections it has received the general rating of "satisfactory." The company has taken part in numerous over-night maneuvers, including a joint maneuver with Co. C of Stephenville at a point mid-way between the two cities, and the two-battalion (15th and 27th) Field Exercise, held August 28-29, 1943, under the supervision of officers on active duty with the Adjutant General's Department.

All officers of the company have attended both the 1942 and 1943 Eighth Service Command Officers School at Camp Bullis.

Mineral Wells, the home station of Co. E, is the home of Camp Wolters, the U. S. Government's largest Infantry Replacement Center. Camp Wolters has the largest rifle range in any military camp in the United States. Co. E has fired on this range, and other facilities of the camp have been made available in training the company.

## General Allen Makes Hike Of Five Miles

Camp Carson, Colo.—Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, commanding the 104th division, is one general who doesn't ask his men to do anything he can't do himself.

He recently tested an order given his men to march five miles in an hour.

Accompanied by his aide, Capt. James Eastman, the general joined Company H of the 414 Infantry and started off on the measured five mile course. There were no corners cut on the route whose hills and dales challenge any trained-to-the-minute doughboy.

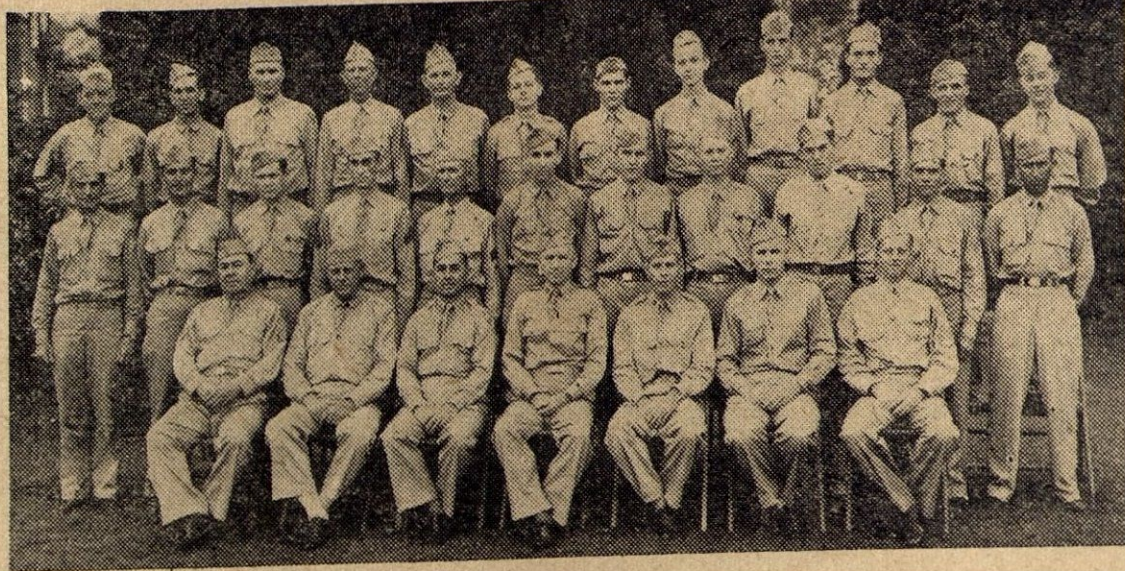
General Allen finished in an hour. The men of the company were unanimous in hoping they could do as well when they reached the general's age, which, while not great, is still double that of many line soldiers.

"You can talk all you want about pistol packin' mamas," said Wilma the WAC, "but a gal with a perfect 36 is a lot more dangerous than a woman with a .38."

"Who are all those people who are cheering?" asked the recruit as the soldiers marched to the train.

"Those," replied the veteran, "are the people who are not going."

## Co. E, 15th Battalion



## Scranton Yankee Calls 36th "Fightingest Outfit In Army"

"Colonels go up front, too. Don't ever think otherwise. Why, three regimental commanders for whom I worked as secretary were shot right out from under me, so to speak."

In the opinion of Technician Fifth Grade Frank H. Mechler, 25, Scranton, Pa., who has just returned to the United States under the Army's rotation plan after serving overseas with the famous 36th Infantry Division, this is a tough war for all ranks.

"And sometimes," said Mechler, "it seems the higher the rank the more danger a man faces."

"Take the first regimental commander I was assigned to, Col. Richard Werner of San Antonio. The colonel was badly wounded back at Mount Rotunda, in Italy, at our regimental command post on Highway 6."

### Fragments Got Colonel.

"We were driving for Mount Lungo, and the Jerry airmen were making desperate efforts to stop our advance. A Nazi pilot let go with a personnel bomb that hit the command post and fragments got the colonel in the left leg and the chest."

"He was succeeded by Lt. Col. Aaron W. Wyatt, who was killed near Cassino when Jerry dropped a shell right into the CP."

"Next in line for command of the regiment was Lt. Col. Andrew F. Price of Fort Worth, who was wounded in the leg and thigh while visiting the front line near Cairo, Italy."

"Yes, sir. In this war colonels don't operate far behind the lines. They're right up there with the men, taking it."

Mechler, dismissing his own combat experiences with the assertion, "I was just lucky," told of the gallantry of men in his outfit.

### El Paso Top Kick.

"I'll never forget one top sergeant," he said. "His name is Gabriel Navarette, he is 23, and he comes from El Paso. He's a Lieutenant, now, and if ever a man earned his commission, he did."

"He did a marvelous job at Salerno. We were under terrific shelling when we came ashore, and Navarette, although he was wounded, and his company officers were put out of action, carried on, kept his company tightly organized, and brought them through a regular hell of gunfire."

"He was back from the hospital in time to take part in the Rapido River crossing. He was wounded there, too, and it was just the same as at Salerno. He inspired his

whole company with his cool courage and his leadership."

### Texans Great Soldiers

"As a Yankee who served in what was primarily a Texas outfit, let me say that those Texans are great soldiers. They don't come any better."

"I call to mind particularly Capt. Charlie Hamner of Garland, a Texas A. & M. graduate, who was killed at San Pietro. His men idolized him. He led them through mountain fighting, over terrain so rugged we couldn't take cannon or anti-tank guns, kept their spirit high through every kind of hardship, and when he was killed he got his while leading his men—uphill. He was killed by small arms fire, and when that happens, you know an officer is out in front."

"I'd like to mention, too, Master Sgt. John Kyser of Little Rock, Ark., our regimental operations sergeant. Kyser worked day and night and never seemed to need rest or food. He was in a forward CP which was hit by an artillery shell, and even though he was wounded he kept right on at his job until the action was over."

### "Fightingest Outfit"

"I guess you can't blame me for thinking that the 36th is the fightingest outfit in the whole doggone

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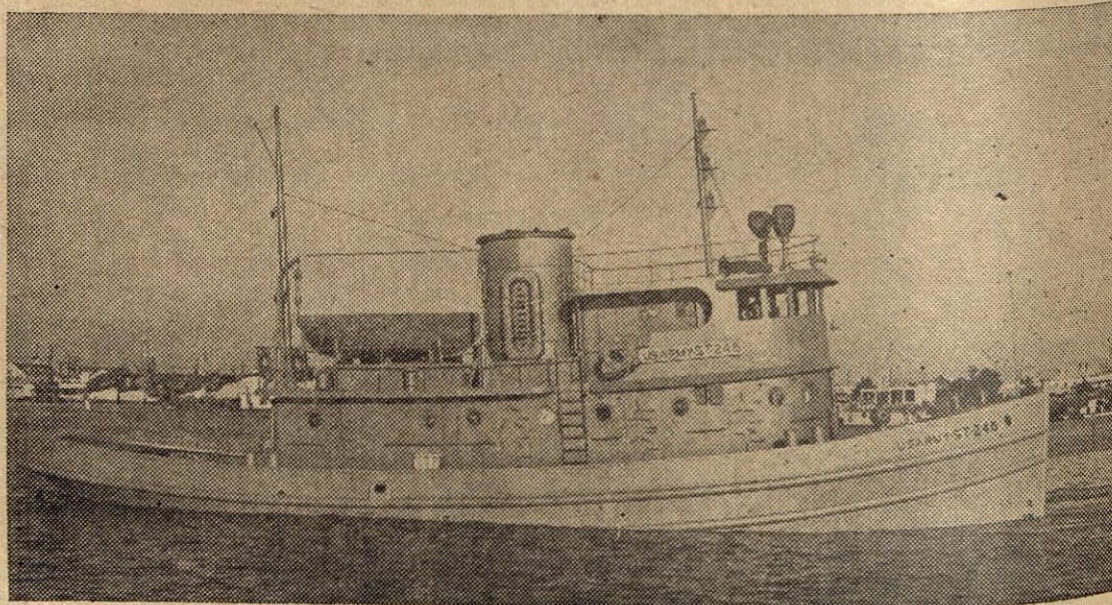
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# Communication School Held By 36th Battalion

By FIRST LT. P. E. RAFFA  
On 28 April, 1944, a Battalion Communications School was started for the members of the Second Training and Research Unit, 36th Battalion, T.S.G., and Women's Motor Corps, AUX.

Seventy-six members registered at the opening of the school, fifty-eight completed, eleven were re-assigned to other duties, seven failed to complete the necessary 12 hours required for certificate.

The first lesson consisted of training films on Signal Communication. Six training films were presented to the class. They were Misc. 928—"Your Job in the Signal Corps"—10 minutes.

T.F. 11-177—"Field Wire Splices"—21 minutes. Proper method of splicing each type of field wire.

T.F. 11-178—"Field Wire Ties"—9 minutes. The various ties used by the Army in laying field wire.

T.F. 11-297—"Field Wire Line Construction"—19 minutes. Subjects included were construction orders, wire laying, wire ties, and splices, reeling off slack, clearing wire from the road and securing it, testing, use of tags, installing loading coils, and several examples of special construction. The proper method of laying several lines from the same command post was clearly explained.

**Field Telephone**  
T.F. 11-1199—"Use of the Field Telephone"—16 minutes. Dealt with the value of the field telephone, its manual operation, and the importance of its proper use.

T.F. 11-1234—"Telephone Switchboard Operation"—25 minutes.

Detailed instructions after each training film was explained by Lt. P. E. Raffa, instructor of class.

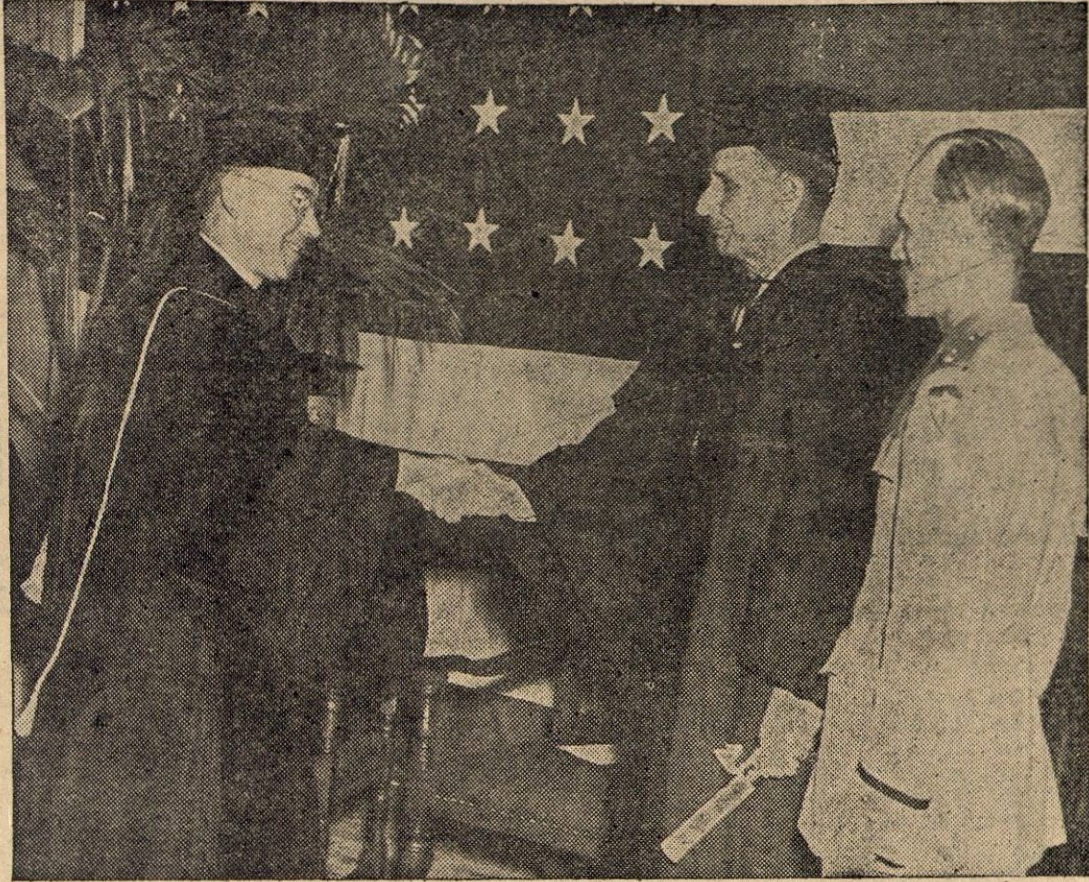
On 5 May 1944, the Second Phase of the Communications School got under way. A thirty-minute "quiz" on subjects on signal communication covered by training films shown on opening date of school. Average grade made by students was 92%. The rest of the evening was spent on Field Wire Splices and Ties.

Because of the size of the class it was broken up into small groups. Four enlisted men of the Second Training and Research Unit Communication Section, and six enlisted men of Hq. Det., 36th Bn., T.S.G., assisted Lt. P. E. Raffa as instructors of the class.

**Third Phase**  
The Third Phase of the Signal Communications School got under way on 12 May 1944. Three hours of application by individual members of the Communications class was spent practicing Field Wire Construction, correct use of Field Telephone, operation of 4 and 8 Panel Field Switchboards, and correct procedure of operation, and use of Semaphore, and Wig-Wag signaling.

Students established command post, which was called "Blue Headquarters." Outposts were then established which were called "Blue Outposts, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5." Blue Post No. 4 was a subordinate Command Post, called "Fox" Headquarters, its connections were from Blue Headquarters through its Command, then to its Outposts, which were three, named Fox Outpost 1, 2, 3, respectively. Lt. Raffa was assisted by members of his detachment. Those members were Tech. Sgt. P. W. Stowe, Staff Sgt. C. Martinez, Staff Sgt. W. T. Steihl, Corp. F. P. Trevino, and Pvts. C. Dullnig, Jr., and W. Mattfeld. Also assisting were Sgt. F. Solido, Pfc. F. K. Baker, Pfc. W. H. Barnes,

# General Knickerbocker Receives Degree



and Pvt. C. L. Slaughter of the Second Training and Research Unit.

**Last Phase**  
On 19 May 1944, the fourth and last phase of the Communication School got under way. The first hour and a half was taken up by two training films titled "Message Center Procedure," Incoming Messages and Outgoing Messages, and a brief narration by Lt. P. E. Raffa on the different methods of initial installation of wire systems used by the U. S. Army, namely: Single-axis, Multiple-axis, and Joint-axis Methods. How to make circuit diagrams of Switching Centrals at Command Posts, and establishments served by the wire system.

The next hour of the class was conducted by Lt. Col. M. R. Finney, U. S. Army (retired), who narrated on the use of the message book, and showed a film strip on the same subject with explanations of its contents.

Class was then turned over to Lt. P. E. Raffa for dismissal.

A Negro was arrested for speeding. It was his fifth offense and as he was presented to the judge he muttered darkly under his breath. It sounded suspiciously like an oath.

"Repeat that," thundered the judge.

"Ah didn't say noth'," moaned the unfortunate defendant.

"You did say something and I

Adjutant General Arthur B. Knickerbocker accepts congratulations from the Very Rev. William M. Robinson, C.S.C., S.T.D., Ph.D., president, just after receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from St. Edward's University for his notable contribution to national and state security. The commandant of the Third Training and Research Company of the Texas State Guard, and principal of St. Ed-

want you to repeat it."  
"All I says was God am de judge, God am de judge."

Joe: "Here, hold my rifle, will you?"

Lt.: "See here, Private, I'm an officer!"

Joe: "That's all right, I'll trust you."

ward's Military Academy, the Rev. James P. Gibbons, C.S.C., A.B., looks on.

The rookie approached the first sergeant and asked him the secret of success in the Army. "There's no secret," replied the sergeant sagely, "just jump at your opportunities."

"But how can I tell when my opportunity comes?" persisted the rookie.

"You can't," answered the sergeant. "The trick is to keep jumping."

Cannibal Cook: "Shall I boil the missionary, sir?"

Cannibal King: "Don't be silly. That's a friar."

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## 24th Battalion's Phony Battle Sets Brownsville Agog

Companies A and B of the 24th Battalion, Brownsville, gave the home folks something to think about on a recent drill night when the schedule called for a little extended workout.

With the help of a good supply of aerial bombs, trench mortar shells, screaming bombs, hand grenades and numerous other forms of fireworks the two companies started a fight between them that had half the civilians, all the police and firemen besides a representative of all other branches, scattering all over town trying to find out what was taking place.

Under the direction of Company Commanders Paul Springman and Henry Ferguson, A and B really went to town on this problem. Miniature fireworks of all descriptions were on display and made a racket that could be heard for three miles. It even got so bad the telephone office wanted to call it quits and start rationing calls, they were coming in so fast. And this is just the beginning of a display that the 24th is going to put on the first part of July that will have the whole county looking for trouble.

One of the finest problems ever conducted will be held soon by the entire 24th. A small replica of most every type of weapon now being used will be a part of the plan and it's going to rival the infiltration courses conducted by the regular army in many respects.

## 31st Battalion Units Have U. S. Inspection

The medical and headquarters detachments of the 31st Battalion underwent federal inspections at a joint meeting May 15 at McAllen.

Maj. Wilbur M. Moore of Fort Brown, Brownsville, who has conducted similar inspections for a number of other guard units in the Valley, was the officer in charge. Maj. Lloyd W. Davis commanded the medical unit and Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer the headquarters detachment.

The units presented exhibitions of close order drill, map reading, medical service and other phases of their work.

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## 24th Battalion Takes Part In WAC Drive



A new tie-up for enlisting men in the Guard was the good fortune of Headquarters, 24th Battalion, Brownsville, a short time ago. A drive for WAC recruits was being conducted by the commanding officer of a WAC battalion at the Harlingen Army Air Field in connection with Benita Juarez Day, the ultimate hope to be a battalion of WAC's to be called the Benito Juarez Battalion.

In making Brownsville a part of their campaign it fell to the State Guard to furnish an honorary color guard, etc. With that as a starter the 24th Battalion Headquarters jumped at the opportunity and became a part of the whole affair.

Two companies and headquarters detachment participated in a grand parade in company with many WACS and WASPS from the H. A. A. F., the Air Corps band, the band from Ft. Brown, a company of Junior Motor Corps Girls, and many members of the Benito Juarez Club.

To add color and prestige to the campaign the commanding general of the Matamoros garrison of the Mexican Army was invited along with four colonels and several junior officers. Also included in the party was the commanding officer of the Harlingen Army Air Field and the commanding officer of Ft. Brown.

The parade was led by these officers and extended over five blocks. The line of march was for three miles, covering the major portion of the business district and ending at the Benito Juarez Hall, where a fine program was conducted, the feature of which was Sabu, the boy wonder of Hollywood, who, at that time, was a student in Harlingen.

Above is a picture of the main officials who were guests of Major Isadore Dorfman, commanding officer of the 24th Battalion, at a dinner preceding the parade. Left to right they are: General Campos, of the Mexican army; Lt. Foxworth, C.O., W.A.C. Harlingen Army Air Field; Col. John B. Morgan, C.O., Harlingen Army Air Field; Lt. Col. Marvin B. Durette, C.O., Ft. Brown, Texas.

Each of the above officers have been of untold help and assistance to the Guard in Brownsville and have never failed to grant a request and always done everything in their power to give the Guard a lift when they could. There is a

fine feeling of friendship between these fine officers and Guard members, and it is with pleasure that we say "Thank you" to each of them.

## Changes In Co. B, 31st Battalion

The enlistment of three new men in Co. B, 31st Battalion, McAllen, is announced. They are Pvts. Tom Simpson, Harold Drenth and Donald Hartshorne.

The company has announced the discharges of Pfc. Guadalupe Garcia, Pvt. Fernando Leal, Pvt. Nicholas Balli, Pvt. Manuel Jasso, Pvt. Donald Bradbury, Pvt. Honore Flores and S/Sgt. Pressie R. Cook.

In losing Sergeant Cook, the company loses one of its original enlistees. He has been in charge of the mess detail for the past two years. Although a mechanic, Sergeant Cook took over the mess chores when they were assigned to him and made a notable success of his work.

New appointments in the company include Sgt. Lawrence Robinson, Cpl. Curtis R. Echols, Cpl. William C. Slay, Cpl. Guadalupe Mata and Privates First Class Glenn Wright, Raymond Smith, A. M. Hernandez, Royal Sargent and William Gohlke.

One of Co. B's former corporals, City Attorney and Chamber of Commerce President Orville I. Cox, is now in the Marines at San Diego. He is getting the works, he wrote back recently, for it took him 45 minutes to excavate his first six-foot foxhole.

Chaplain: "Are you troubled by improper thoughts?"  
GI: "No-o-o, not exactly. I kinda enjoy them."

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## Pharr Company Works On Enlistment Drive

Pharr's Co. C, 31st Bn., is at work on a new enlistment program under the direction of Lt. Hal Alcorn, acting company commander.

The company needs about 25 men to bring its roster up to authorized strength and the enlistment work is being attacked from the angle of having every major business firm in Pharr represented in the company's membership.

A recent check-up of company members showed 64 enlisted men and 3 officers. Of the 64 men, 21

are past draft age of 38 and 43 are within that bracket. Continued drains on the company personnel from the draft are expected.

Co. C has now completed and is using regularly its rifle range, called one of the best in this section of the State. It contains four targets on the 300-yard range and twice each month the company undergoes target practice with En-fields.

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# Former Chief Of TDC Center Given Awards

Major Gen. A. D. Bruce, who organized and commanded the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood during the days of its spectacular development into an important striking force of the United States army, has been awarded both the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

The decorations were bestowed on General Bruce somewhere in the Pacific, where he is in command of an army infantry division.

The DSM was awarded for General Bruce's service in connection with the development of the Tank Destroyer Center, the Legion of Merit for service performed with the G-3 division of the war department general staff.

Award of the Distinguished Service Medal was "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility, in planning, organizing, establishing and operating initially the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Texas. Major General Bruce's superior technical knowledge, untiring zeal and splendid judgment resulted in the organization and training of tank destroyer units whose tactical mission was not contemplated previously in the organization of our army. He contributed materially to the development of tank destroyer tactics employed by our armed forces in all theaters of operation."

The Legion of Merit was "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as chief of the tactical doctrine section, G-3 division, war department general staff. By his tireless energy and marked ability, he supervised the development and execution of all plans for the composition and coordination of new and revised official texts on matters pertaining to doctrine, tactics, technique and procedure as set forth in technical and field manuals, training circulars and other training literature of the war department. He also directed the development of a modern system of visual training, including sound training films, film strips, charts and posters."

## Edinburg Company Pushing Recruiting

Co. F, 31st Battalion, of Edinburg, is currently engaged in a drive to keep attendance at a high mark, and according to data from Capt. Clayton Baird's office the figure is near the top.

The company has added four men lately, Pvs. Rufino Garcia, David Beck, Rigoberto Rodriguez and Lauren Camp.

S/Sgt. Homer Gross, whose company reports are perfect examples of what correct guard papers should look like, is away for two months this summer on special educational work. Until he returns other non-coms will wrestle with the report work.

Seventy new federal uniforms for the Edinburg company arrived recently and the new equipment will be issued as soon as possible.

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Fuller, Graham W.	Captain	Hqs., 3rd Bn.
Atkin, John T.	Captain	Co. B, 6th Bn.
Nelson, Oscar K.	Captain	Co. D, 6th Bn.
Buck, William G.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 7th Bn.
Fontenot, Euel B.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 7th Bn.
Blain, Thomas B.	Captain	Hqs., 10th Bn.
Storey, J. E.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 10th Bn.
Prichard, Clarence L.	Major	Med. Det., 10th Bn.
Hinchman, Joseph J.	Captain	Med. Det., 10th Bn.
Pool, Elery B.	Captain	Med. Det., 10th Bn.
Southard, Dallas	Captain	Med. Det., 10th Bn.
Shaw, Nib	Captain	Ser. Det., 10th Bn.
Fowler, Wirt D.	Captain	Med. Det., 11th Bn.
Flores, Candelario	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 13th Bn.
High, Clifton E.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 14th Bn.
Childers, Carl J.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 15th Bn.
Massey, Joel W.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 17th Bn.
Kirk, Robert L.	1st Lt.	Ch. Dept., 17th Bn.
Ratliff, Dennis P.	Captain	Co. A, 17th Bn.
Naylor, William W.	Captain	Ser. Det., 17th Bn.
Fennell, Robert H.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 18th Bn.
Chrisman, Clark M.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 19th Bn.
Pryor, Hubert D.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 19th Bn.
Coker, William M.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 20th Bn.
King, Otis	Major	Med. Det., 20th Bn.
Denson, Jesse D.	Captain	Ser. Det., 26th Bn.
Bleakney, Philip A.	Captain	Med. Det., 26th Bn.
Lysaght, Edward H.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 27th Bn.
Hopkins, Everett B.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 28th Bn.
Isenberg, Sam	Captain	Ser. Det., 28th Bn.
Kelsey, Lewis O.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 28th Bn.
Alexander, William M.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 30th Bn.
Biffle, Joe L.	Captain	Co. B, 30th Bn.
Ely, Horace W.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 30th Bn.
Williams, Numa N.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 32nd Bn.
Swinney, Bluford A.	Major	Med. Det., 32nd Bn.
Winn, Marshall N.	Captain	Ser. Det., 32nd Bn.
Stone, George W.	Captain	Ser. Det., 32nd Bn.
Dickey, Jefferson D.	Major	Hqs., 35th Bn.
Hunt, Richard T., Jr.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 35th Bn.
Quillin, Paul M.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 35th Bn.
Smith, Louie R.	Captain	Co. A, 35th Bn.
Boykin, Rudolph R.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 35th Bn.
Jennings, John W., Jr.	Captain	Co. D, 35th Bn.
Moore, John H.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 35th Bn.
Mendel, Evri B.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 35th Bn.
Curtis, Thomas C.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 37th Bn.
Stewart, Eugene R.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 37th Bn.
Stewart, William E.	Captain	Co. A, 37th Bn.
Myers, Harry I.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 37th Bn.
Craddock, Thomas D.	Captain	Co. E, 37th Bn.
McSween, Magnus Jay	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 39th Bn.
Woods, Limmie B.	Captain	Med. Det., 39th Bn.
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Jameson, Frank	Captain	Ser. Det., 48th Bn.
Presley, William H.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 50th Bn.
Cook, Walter L.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 50th Bn.
Malone, Jewel W.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 50th Bn.
Nichols, Joseph D.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 51st Bn.
Piranio, Angelo	Captain	Med. Det., 51st Bn.
Fisher, J. J., Jr.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 51st Bn.
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The 31st Battalion's newly acquired armory at McAllen, a large steel building formerly used by the National Youth Administration, was commended on May 15 when Maj. Paul W. Taylor of the U. S. engineers, now attached to Camp Mabry at Austin, included the building on his present State-wide tour of instruction to all TSG battalion headquarters.

"This is the best one of its kind I've seen," Major Taylor said. He told Capt. Roy P. Conway of Mission, battalion plans and training officer: "You are very fortunate to have such a building."

The major announced that he planned to return within a few weeks for a more thorough inspection of the plant. He started his instruction tour in April and plan-

ned to conclude it by the latter part of June.  
He is attached to TSG headquarters from the Eighth Service Command at Dallas.

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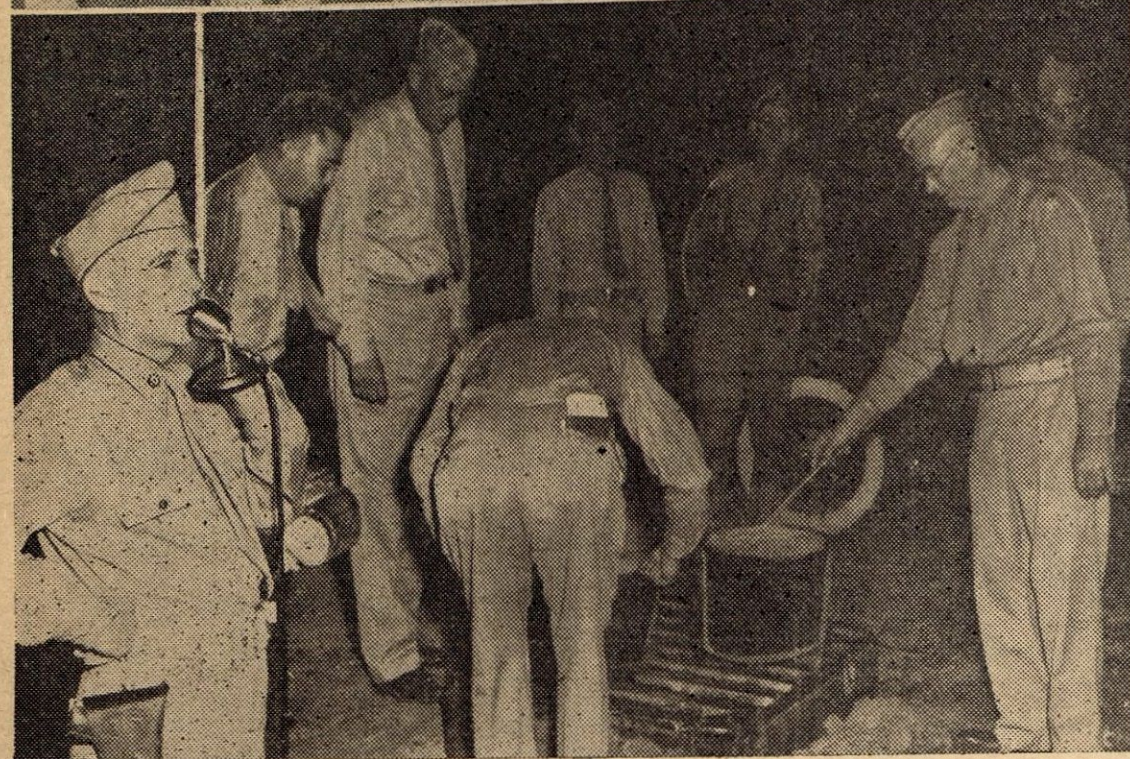
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## 48th Battalion Holds Open House



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The general said that up to March 31 the Veterans Administration had received disability pension claims from veterans of the present war totaling 325,538. Of this number 231,755, or 71.19 per cent, had been adjudicated. Of the adjudicated cases 125,220, or 54.03 per cent, had been allowed, and 106,535 had been disallowed.

General Hines also told the meeting that allowed claims of National Service Life Insurance for deceased veterans of the present war total \$345,655,000, and that the average size policy involved in these allowed claims is \$7,605. He added that members of the armed forces are certainly insurance minded, having applied for 110 billion dollars worth, the applications totaling about 14,800,000 in number.—Army Times.

New Army Wife: "What shall I do? Here I am, a week-old bride, and I learn that my husband simply can't bear children."

Old Army Wife: "Well, after all, dearie, even a Pfc. has his limits."

The 48th Marine Battalion, Texas State Guard, Houston, held a public parade and review followed by a "hot dog" supper for several hundred members, their families and friends at Sam Houston Park, May 17.

Top: Th guests "fall in" for chow served at improvised tables by the service company of the battalion.

Center: Capt. Frank Jamieson, commander of the service company, and his men prepare the food over open grills.

Below: Major Julian A. Westlow, battalion commander, addresses the group over the loud-speaker system. Lt. Col Arno von Koerneritz, commander of the military police battalion, stationed at Houston, accepted the review of the troops.

Supply Sgt.: "Three times you have gotten a pass and each time you've had to get a new pair of GI pants. What goes on on your leaves?"

Private: "Nothing. Except I don't think my girl's dog likes me."

Just before a recent battle in Italy the commanding officer shouted: "The Germans are coming, men, but we're outnumbered four to one, so do your stuff."

Old Joe, a Kentucky mountaineer, began to blaze away, but in about five minutes he stopped and leaned his rifle up again a rock.

"What's the matter?" asked the officer.

"Well, I got my four," replied Old Joe.

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"When your name works up to the top you will receive 15,625 gorgeous girls.

"Have faith. Do not break the chain. One man broke the chain and got his wife back."

Sgt: "What is the calibre of this cannon?"

Pvt: "Search me. It's just a big bore to me."

Rookie: "Sir, I want to report a terrible mistake I made on the anti-aircraft range today."

Looie: "What kind of a mistake?"

Rookie: "I hit the wrong target."

Looie: "Well, what's so terrible about that?"

Rookie: "From now on, sir, your airmail will be coming by bus."

"Brethren," said the minister solemnly, "there is a certain one among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts \$5 in the collection plate his name will be announced from the pulpit."

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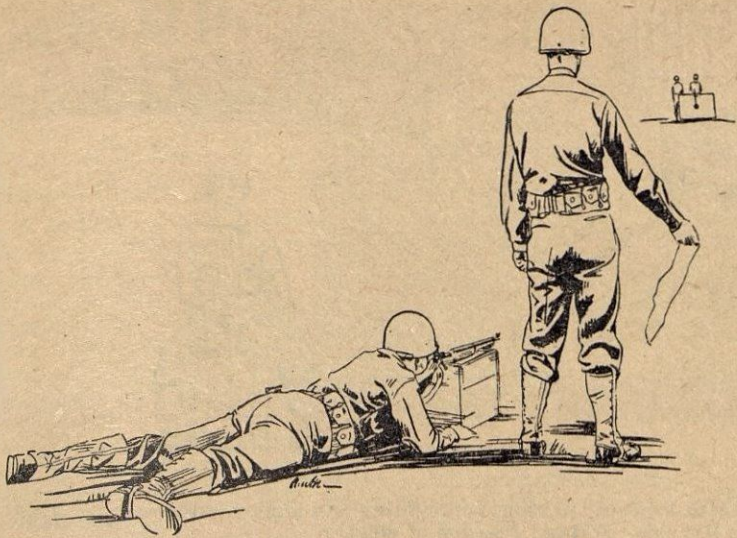


Plate 5—Positions for Third Sighting and Aiming Exercise on long ranges. Note the coach at the right of the pupil.

ed out by the coach. At a distance of 50 feet the shot group should be small enough to be covered by the blunt end of a lead pencil, and if the marks 1, 2, and 3 are joined by straight lines an equilateral triangle would be formed. This exercise is repeated until proficiency is attained.

(b) Long range shot groups. (Triangulation.)

This exercise is the same as the preceding one except it is performed at ranges of 200 yards with a 10-inch aiming disk, and at 500 yards with a 20-inch aiming disk. At 200 yards the pupil's shot group should not exceed the size of a silver dollar, and at 500 yards the shot group should fall within a circle whose diameter is two inches with the M1917 (Enfield) rifle.

In these exercises two men are at the target, one moves the disk and the

other acts as the marker. Shot groups are traced on transparent paper, properly identified and turned over to the coach or instructor. Competition in shot groups should be encouraged in order to determine the most proficient in making the smallest shot group.

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(1) Sighting and aiming; (2) Positions; (3) Trigger squeeze; (4) Sustained fire; (5) Instruction in the effect of wind, sight changes, and use of the score book; (6) Examination of men before starting range practice.

**RECORD OF PROGRESS**—In order that there may be a record of progress of each man, the blank form illustrated in PLATE 1 must be kept by the squad leader and by the platoon leader independent of the squad leader. The pupil will be carefully examined in each item of the preparatory training as shown on the form, and must attain a satisfactory rating in every one before being permitted to fire.

**FIRST STEP: SIGHTING AND AIMING**—First Exercise.

The instructor displays a sighting bar before his group and explains its use as follows: (See PLATE 2.)

(a) The front and rear sights on

the sighting bar represent enlarged rifle sights.

(b) The sighting bar is used in the first sighting and aiming exercise because with it small errors can be seen easily and explained to the pupil.

(c) The eyepiece requires the pupil to place his eye in such position that he sees the sights in exactly the same alignment as seen by the coach.

(d) There is no eyepiece on the rifle, but the pupil learns by use of the sighting bar how to align the sights properly when using the rifle.

(e) The removable target attached to the end of the sighting bar is a simple method of readily aligning the sights on the bull's-eye.

(f) The instructor explains peep sight to his group, showing each man the illustrations of a correct alignment. Note Plate 3.

#### WITH PEEP SIGHT

(g) With the peep sight the instructor adjusts the sights of the sighting bar, with target removed, to illustrate a correct alignment of the sights. Each man of the assembled group looks through the eyepiece at

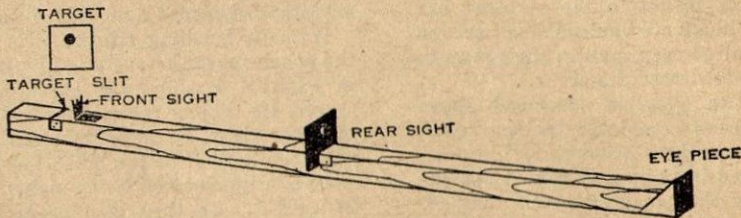


Plate 2—The sighting bar.

## Texas Brothers Who Fought In Europe Reunited

Miami Beach, Fla.—Capt. George P.; Ward, 28, and First Lt. Ray R. Ward, 23, Jacksonville, Texas, brothers who flew 26 and 25 missions, respectively, in the European theater, are together again at AAF Redistribution Station No. 2, Miami Beach, Fla. Although they were separated during combat they were roommates for six months in England, making many practice flights together, Captain George as a B-17 Flying Fortress navigator, and Lieutenant Ray as a first pilot.

At the Redistribution Station the brothers are being examined by specially selected medical and classification officers, whose joint findings will be used in determining new assignments, designating each man to duty for which he is best fitted. Returnees live at the Redistribution Station under conditions that encourage natural response to processing, the greater part of their two-week stay being devoted to rest and recreation.

Captain Ward served 15 months in the European theater, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Wounded when a cannon shell exploded near his face, he also wears the Purple Heart.

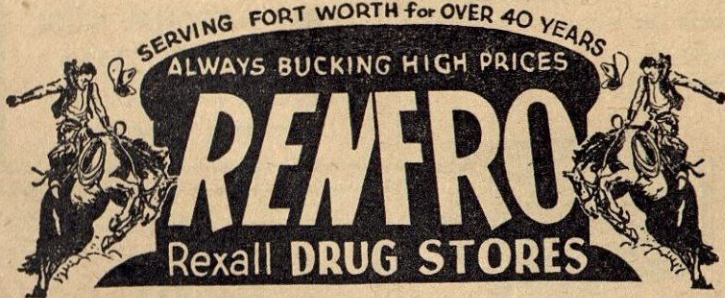
Lieutenant Ward won the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters during eight months service overseas. Father of the two officers is Walter T. Ward of Jacksonville.

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Plate 3—Sight pictures showing proper alignment.

each of the sight adjustments.

(h) He adjusts the sights of the sighting bar with various errors in sight alignment and has each man of the assembled group endeavor to detect the error.

(i) The instructor describes a correct aim, showing the illustration to each man. He explains the top of the front sight is seen through the middle of the circle and just touches the bottom of the bull's-eye, so that all of the bull's-eye can be clearly seen (PLATE 3).

(j) The eye should be focused on the bull's-eye in aiming, and the instructor assures himself by questioning the men that each understands what is meant by focusing the eye on the bull's-eye.

(k) The instructor adjusts the sights of the sighting bar and the removable target so as to illustrate a correct aim and requires each man of the group to look through the eye-piece to observe his correct aim.

#### TO DETECT ERROR

(l) He adjusts the sights and the removable target to the sighting bar so as to illustrate various small errors, and requires each man in the group to attempt to detect the error.

(m) The exercise described above having been completed by the squad leader or other instructor, the men are placed in pairs and repeat the exercise by the coach-and-pupil method. The coach takes his place on the right side of the man who is undergoing in-

struction (pupil). He stands when the pupil is standing and reclines beside him when he is prone. The coach must watch the pupil closely and not the target.

(n) The two exercises to follow are described with respect to the coach-and-pupil method.

#### SECOND EXERCISE

The exercise is taken up as soon as the individuals are considered proficient in the preceding exercise. A rifle with sights blackened is placed in a rifle rest and pointed at a blank sheet of paper which is mounted on a box. (For all preparatory exercises and during all range firing, the sights (front and rear) will be blackened on both sides. Before blackening, clean all the oil from the sides of the sights. The following materials give a flame of the right composition and produce a good lamp black deposit on the sights; a candle, piece of camphor, wax match, pine wood full of pitch, piece of shoe paste, rag saturated with kerosene, or carbide lamp (miner's type). Keep the black parts smooth to prevent a distorted figure.

Without touching rifle or rifle rest, the coach takes the position illustrated in PLATE 4, and looks through the sights. He directs the marker by command or signal to move the small disk until the bottom of the bull's-eye is in correct alignment with the sights. See PLATE 3. He then commands hold. The coach moves away from the rifle without deranging it and directs the

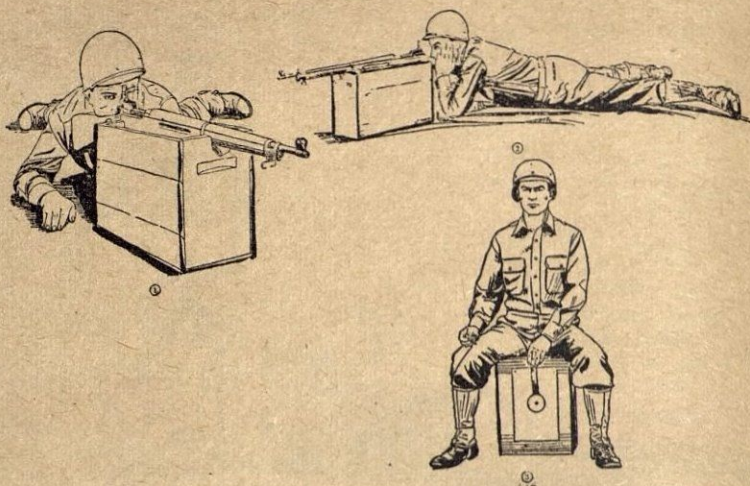


Plate 4—Top: Positions for sighting and aiming exercise from right and left side. Bottom: Position of marker.

pupil to look through the sights in order to observe a correct aim. The pupil takes the identical position assumed by the coach to observe a correct aim.

The coach then directs the marker to move the disk out of alignment and then move it as directed by the pupil who endeavors to bring it back into a correct alignment. The coach verifies the alignment. If the pupil obtains the correct sight and aim alignment, the coach then aligns the sight on the aiming disk with slight errors and requires the pupil to detect the errors.

#### THIRD EXERCISE

(a) Short range shot groups. (Triangulation.)

The object of this exercise is to show the importance of correct and uniform aim, and to emphasize exactness. The exercise is conducted as follows: The rifle (with sights blackened) is placed in a rifle rest and pointed at a blank sheet of paper on a box at a distance of 50 feet. The pupil takes the position illustrated in PLATE 4, and looks through the sights without touching the rifle or rifle rest. The pupil tells the coach

which direction he desires the disk be moved, and the coach, by command or signal, directs the marker to move the disk until the bottom of the bull's-eye is in correct alignment with the sights and then commands or signals hold.

The coach then looks through the sights, notes any error, and commands or signals mark. The marker, without moving the disk, makes a dot on the paper with a sharp pointed pencil inserted through the hole in the center of the bull's-eye. The marker then moves the disk one or two inches, at the most, away from the point in order to change the position of the disk for a new alignment by the pupil.

The pupil and coach, without touching the rifle or rifle rest, repeat this operation until the three dots, numbered 1, 2, and 3, respectively, have been made. These dots represent the shot group. The pupil's name is written near this shot group to identify it later. The size and shape of the shot group indicate the direction of error, the error in each aim, and the uniformity of the aim. The shot group will be analyzed and the errors point-

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## Rifle, Pistol Shoot Held By 19th Battalion

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Company D, 19th Battalion, held an all-day small bore rifle tournament on June 4 at the Dallas Pistol and Revolver Club Range at 50 and 100-yard ranges on N. R. A. targets. Four 40-shot matches were held according to N. R. A. rules, with iron sights only permitted. R. C. Pope, an N. R. A. Master, won high aggregate score, shooting 1584 x 1600. He was presented with a beautiful trophy by Capt. George Payne, 19th Battalion. Other winners were presented with trophies, medals and merchandise.

A week later, on June 11, Company D, 19th Battalion, held a pistol tournament at the same location, consisting of five 25-yard matches. This shoot was any calibre, slow, rapid and time fire. Sgt. Don Lowrance, a master shooter of the State Highway Patrol stationed in Dallas, won high aggregate for the day's shoot. H. W. Knierim, also with the State Highway Patrol, was second master.

Winners in Expert class were Geo. W. Hall, first place, and Phil Hays, second place. Sgt. Chas. J. Masterson won first and G. W. Thompson second in the Sharpshooter's class. A. D. Tanner, a North American Guard, was first, and First Lt. Thomas Hyslop of the Fifth Ferrying Command, was second in the Marksman class.

The officials at both matches were Capt. E. H. Miller, First Lt. Clark Chrisman, Sgt. Frank Townsend, Sgt. Chas. Masterson, and Sgt. A. G. Oden—all of D Company, 19th Battalion.

Sandwiches, coffee and cold drinks were served on both Sundays by Sgt. H. D. Herrell and his mess detail, Company D, 19th Battalion.

## New York Has Most Men In U. S. Army

Despite reports you may have heard to the contrary, half the Army does not come from Texas. Figures just released by the War Department show the state-by-state breakdown of Army personnel.

New York has the largest representation, with 860,000 men, and Pennsylvania comes second with 602,000.

Next three places go to Illinois, Ohio and California, with 464,000, 414,000 and 407,000, respectively.

Texas holds sixth spot with 372,000. The figures do not include women who are serving in the Army.—Camp Polk Communique.

## 19th Marksmen On Range



R. C. Pope, winner of the 19th Battalion rifle tournament, is the first shooter shown in the foreground in the picture.

## Quick-Thinking Native Saves Yank Sergeant

Washington, D. C.—One incautious American sergeant owes his life to a quick-thinking New Guinea native. The sergeant and his patrol approached a grass hut, listened, but couldn't hear anything inside. Just as he stood up, exposing himself to have a better look, out came a native.

Though the native seemed to ignore the Yank, he actually looked him straight in the eye, then returned to the hut and began a casual conversation with two Japanese soldiers within.

The Japs answered the native and the Americans, guided by the sound of their voices, opened up fire with tommy guns and killed one Jap. The other, who rushed out brandishing a stick, was killed too.

## Chinese Just Won't Stop Fighting To Save Ledo Road

Washington.—American troops fighting side by side with Chinese on the Ledo Road in Burma have the highest regard for the fighting spirit of their allies, the War Department related, recounting the story told by one American soldier:

A Chinese was brought to a dressing station, seeking aid for his arm and hand. He had two fingers gone, and when they finished dressing his wounds, his hand and arm were tightly bound in gauze.

The Chinese shook his head and grinned. He left his rifle there, because he couldn't use it, but he tied on a bag full of grenades and started out. He was asked where he was going. He took a grenade from the bag and hefted it, grinning.

"Jap make me run," he said. "Now I make him run." And he took off for the front.

## Pins And Limbs And Fish For Dinner

There was plenty of corn meal in the kitchen truck—and plenty of fish in the lake. But nary a hook, pole or line in Headquarters Co., 411th Infantry regiment of Camp Howze.

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## Valley Guardsmen Man Firing Squads On Memorial Day

Texas State Guardsmen throughout the Rio Grande Valley were out in uniform on Memorial Day to serve as firing squads and color guards for local observances of the date.

The 31st Battalion's seven companies saw service during the day.

A number of men from Co. A, Mission, took part in a public ceremony at the high school auditorium when Maj. Kermit T. Melugin, chief of chaplains at Moore Field, was the speaker. Lt. L. A. Smith served as color bearer for the American Legion Post at the program and Lt. C. D. Lyons, Sr., was in charge of the men. Legionnaires, Guardsmen and Boy-Scouts marched into the auditorium in groups for the event.

At Rose Lawn cemetery at McAllen a firing squad from Co. B marched from the cemetery gate to the site of the program, accompanied by officials of the American Legion and Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Girl Scouts.

Co. F of Edinburg furnished a firing squad for that community's program. S/Sgt. E. B. Reyna commanded the unit, which fired a salute in honor of the dead of all wars who lie buried at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

## Texas Flier Won't Forget This Flight; Bomb Wouldn't Fall

Somewhere in the Marshall Islands (Delayed)—A pilot never forgets his first combat hop, but Marine First Lieutenant George C. Lane Jr., 24, of Rosenberg, Texas, has a special reason for remembering his—the 1,000-pound bomb he carried failed to release and he had to try again—alone.

"We were over Jaluit that day," Lieutenant Lane, a member of a dive-bomber squadron of the Fourth Marine Air Wing, said, "and I was really poised—and nervous—as I peeled off for the dive. I thought I'd finally get it over with, but the bomb failed to drop.

"I had to do it all over again. This time I wasn't to follow anyone. My plane was the sole target for the Jap gunners. But they missed and I hit. Their fuel tanks went up in flames."

The Japs on Jaluit corrected their aim on Lieutenant Lane's plane in a later strike. The plane was hit in the wing.

It was one of two times in 16 missions over the remaining Jap-held atolls in the Marshall Islands that Lieutenant Lane's plane was struck. The second hit came in a strike over Taroa in the Maloelap atoll. A shell entered the rear part of the plane's fuselage.

On both occasions, however, Lieutenant Lane had no difficulty in bringing his plane to the base.

The former Texas A. & M. track star remembers a raid in which he "liquidated" a gun emplacement on Wotje.

"I went so low," he said, "that I just couldn't miss it."

Lieutenant Lane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lane, Sr., of Rosenberg. He received his wings at Corpus Christi in March, 1943.

## Major Gaines



## Maj. Gaines Gets Praise Of Admiral For Kwajalein Duty

Recently promoted to major in the Marine Corps, Thomas Gaines, 27, of New Braunfels, has received a commendation from Admiral Chester Nimitz for meritorious performance of duty during the landing in the Marshall Islands in February. The citation reads:

"The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, takes pleasure in commending Capt. Tom Gaines, USMCR, for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For meritorious performance of duty during the landing on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, 1 to 3 February 1944. He was in command of a landing team shore party in the landing on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll. He landed with a small group of men with the Battalion Command Post and organized shore party operations immediately, remained in charge of these operations throughout the operation. His performance of duty as shore party commander was highly efficient, providing much needed supplies for the landing team, evacuating wounded, providing communication, and assisting in disposal of the dead throughout the action. This was done under most adverse conditions; the beach initially being under fire and later extremely congested. He was further handicapped by very limited facilities and by the

fact that a part of his shore party was detached for combat duty by the landing team commander. His meritorious work and tireless devotion to duty are considered exemplary and in accord with the highest traditions of the naval service."

Major Gaines joined the Marine Corps in November, 1940, as a private, and received his commission from Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, in 1941. He is now attached to the Fourth Marine Division stationed in the Southwest Pacific.

His wife, the former Vivian Schumann, resides in New Braunfels with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Edgar A. Schumann. Capt. Schumann is commander, Company "C," 36th Battalion, Texas State Guard.

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16th Battalion  
Maneuver Wins  
Major's Praise

Major Walton B. Killough, commander of the 16th Battalion, Texas State Guard, highly complimented the 16th on completion of its week-end maneuver June 3-4 near the mouth of Cedar Bayou in east Harris County.

"The program went off good," Major Killough said, "and our men capably demonstrated they knew what it was all about in the way they set up camp, went through the maneuvers assigned them, and wound up the two-day event in intensive drills."

The battalion entered the heavily wooded area to pitch camp Saturday afternoon. The evening was filled with a lecture by Captain C. E. Runneberg, commanding officer of Company C at Highlands, and restricted films showing training studies.

Two midnight maneuver problems were worked out among opposing teams with the honors divided."

A gas school and rifle range instruction marked the morning program just prior to dismissal for the maneuver.

Pvt. Dan Stallworth, of the service detachment of the 16th Battalion, has been promoted to First Sergeant, according to Captain Louis A. DuBus, commander of the detachment.

Another promotion in the same detachment is Pvt. James H. Roark to the rating of Corporal.

Eighteen members of the 16th Battalion have received certificates of completion of the Unit Gas Officers and Unit NCO school held in the last few weeks, according to Captain Beverly E. Wilson, Battalion Gas Officer.

The certificates were awarded to Tech. Sgt. C. P. Blanchard and Tech. Sgt. W. W. Parrish, Staff Sgt. E. Santana, Pfc. R. Heinrich and Pvt. R. R. Bennett in the headquarters detachment. In the service department they were awarded to Captain L. A. DuBus and Pvt. E. J. Hutton. Sgt. J. M. Bristley received a certificate in the medical detachment.

In Company B the certificates

went to 2nd Lt. W. C. Casey, Sgt. G. A. Darsee and Sgt. Arthur Chas-noff. In Company C they went to 2nd Lt. S. H. Dean, Staff Sgt. J. C. Patterson and Cpl. W. F. Jones. In Company D they went to 2nd Lt. C. R. Lindsey, Staff Sgt. J. O. Jackson and Sgt. E. C. Findley.

First Lt. Willis L. Edge, commanding the headquarters detachment of the 16th Battalion, has announced the following promotions: Pvt. Cyril P. Blanchard to Technical Sergeant. Corporal James M. Bristley to Sergeant. Pvt. Phillip F. Bennett to Corporal. Pvt. Fred Horton to Corporal.

The Chaplain was out on the golf course and thought a small moral lesson might not be amiss. Said he mildly, "I noted that the players who get the lowest scores are not those who swear." A gloomy lieutenant who had been consistently slicing the turf spoke up crossly, "What the hell have they got to swear about?"

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A veteran Texas infantryman, back in this country on rotation, declares that luck sometimes outweighs skill in battle and points to his own experience near San Pietro, Italy, as an example.

"I was moving ahead in a pre-dawn attack," Sergeant C. G. Massey of Caldwell related, "when the enemy spotted me with a signal flare. Before I could do more than hit the ground the Jerries had sent five mortar shells at me. They

landed all around me, but the Germans' skillful mortar fire was nullified by the fact that two of the shells were duds. It was my luck that saved me that time."

That same morning, a few moments after escaping the mortar, Sgt. Massey was wounded by fragments from a hand grenade in close combat with the enemy.

Sgt. Massey, who spent 14 months in a rifle platoon of the 36th Infantry Division, told his story in a War Department release.

The infantryman first saw action at Salerno and moved on up with his division to near Cassino before he was withdrawn for rotation.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Massey of Caldwell.

After a month in the guardhouse Pvt. Gorgan swore off liquor. On his first night away from camp, he came abreast of a tavern.

"Gorgan, my boy," he told himself nobly, "it's hard, but you've got to do it. Pass it by."

Bracing himself, he marched past the door, then stopped. "Gorgan, my boy," he told himself jubilantly, "you did a fine job. Come on back to the darn place and I buy you a shot."

Aide (to busy Colonel): "The man out in the waiting room has an appointment, but I think you'll be interested in seeing him—his briefcase gurgles."

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